

S. 3679, Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection **Reauthorization Act** As reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on June 18, 2024 By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars 2025 2025-2029 2025-2034 0 0 0 **Direct Spending (Outlays)** 0 0 0 Revenues Increase or Decrease (-) 0 0 0 in the Deficit Spending Subject to 18 181 not estimated **Appropriation (Outlays)** Increases net direct spending in Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No any of the four consecutive 10-year No periods beginning in 2035? **Mandate Effects** Contains intergovernmental mandate? No Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year No periods beginning in 2035? Contains private-sector mandate? No

S. 3679 would reauthorize the appropriation of \$45 million each year from 2025 through 2029 for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to support the mental health and wellness of healthcare professionals and provide grants for those purposes. In 2024, HRSA allocated \$25 million for those activities. Based on historical spending patterns for those activities and assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing those provisions would cost \$181 million over the 2025-2029 period.

The bill also would require the Department of Health and Human Services to identify and disseminate information on evidence-based practices for training healthcare professionals in appropriate strategies to prevent substance use and misuse. Based on spending for similar activities, CBO estimates that those additional requirements would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2025-2029 period; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.



The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 550 (health).

Table 1. Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 3679						
	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2025-2029
Estimated Authorization	45	45	45	45	45	225
Estimated Outlays	18	34	41	44	44	181

On July 1, 2024, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 7153, the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization Act, as reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on May 21, 2024. The two pieces of legislation are similar, as are CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects.

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