



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 4926
Josh Miller HEARTS Act
As passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on June 9, 2008

H.R. 4926 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 for grants to local education agencies (LEAs) to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and to provide training in the use of AEDs. LEAs would be required to provide nonfederal matching funds equal to 25 percent of the grant, unless the percentage of low-income children ages 5 to 17 in the LEA area is greater than 20 percent.

Based on data from the Department of Education, the Census Bureau, and the Red Cross, CBO estimates the grants to purchase AEDs would cost \$170 million and that the training would cost about \$10 million per year. Assuming that half of the AEDs are purchased in 2009 and the appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4926 would increase discretionary spending by \$90 million in 2009 and \$220 million over the 2009-2013 period, as shown in the following table. Enacting the legislation would have no impact on direct spending or revenues.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009-2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	95	95	10	10	10	220
Estimated Outlays	90	95	14	10	10	220

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 4926 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2009, that the necessary sums will be appropriated for each year beginning in 2009, and that outlays will follow historical patterns of similar programs. (Because fiscal year 2008 is nearly concluded, we assume that no funds would be provided for the current year.) The

costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

H.R. 4926 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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