

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING FUNDING FOR CARRYING OUT DUTIES RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/22/19.

	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
<b>XXX</b>	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The April 22, 2019, Revised Fiscal Note shows a separate FY 2019-20 expenditure of \$41,185 for centrally appropriated items. These costs will in fact be paid from the \$427,000 General Fund appropriation and the \$408,386 cash fund appropriation also shown in the Fiscal Note. Thus the total FY 2019-20 cost of the program will be \$835,386, the sum of these two appropriation. In FY 2020-21, the expenditure of \$41,185 for centrally appropriated items shown in the Fiscal Note will be paid from the \$263,411 General Fund appropriations and the \$408,386 cash fund appropriation. Thus the total FY 2019-20 expenditure for the program will be \$671,797.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.005	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that correctly appropriates \$835,386 to the Office of Public Guardianship for FY 2019-20, comprised of \$427,000 from the General Fund and \$408,386 from the Office of Public Guardianship Cash Fund, which is created by the bill. It is anticipated that \$50,000 of this appropriation will be used to purchase legal services from the Department of Law. The Department of Law needs a \$50,000 reappropriation to expend the money that it will receive from the Office, but the clause does not include this reappropriation.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.005** Staff has prepared amendment **J.005** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$50,000 of reappropriated funds to the Department of Law for the provision of legal services to the Office of Public Guardianship and paid from the appropriation to the Office. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.3 FTE.

**Points to Consider***General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2019-20 based on the March 2019 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$47.9 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$44.7 million General Fund to fund 2019 legislation and maintain a 7.25 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$427,000 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$457,958.