

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING METHODS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS, 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 04/29/19.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.003	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes a provision appropriating a total of \$5,813,472 for FY 2019-20 (including \$21,733 General Fund), as detailed in the following table.

Appropriations for FY 2019-20 in Reengrossed Bill							
Department	General Fund	Marijuana Tax Cash Fund	Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee Cash Fund	Reappropriated Funds Transferred from DHS	Federal Medicaid Funds	Total Funds	FTE
Human Services (DHS)	0	5,589,344	0	0	0	5,589,344	2.5
Governor's Office of Information Technology	0	0	0	160,206	0	160,206	1.4
TOTALS	\$21,733	\$5,589,344	\$10,228	\$160,206	\$31,961	\$5,813,472	4.7

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.003 Staff has prepared amendment **J.003** (attached) to modify the existing appropriation clause to increase the appropriation to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for FY 2019-20 for Personal Services by \$15,231 cash funds from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund (MTCF). This increase is related to the fund source change initiated by the House Appropriations Committee, which shifted DHS expenses from the General Fund to the MTCF. As the payday shift does not apply to cash-funded positions, DHS requires another \$15,231 to cover 11 months of funding for the three positions (based on the assumed August 1, 2019, start date). Amendment J.003 also makes a corresponding change to the statement concerning the additional FTE that DHS will require, increasing it from 2.5 FTE to 2.7 FTE.

If the Committee chooses to not adopt J.003, the existing appropriation would be sufficient for DHS to fill the three positions required for implementation of the capacity tracking system, the care coordination system, and the capacity-building grant program on September 1, 2019, rather than August 1, 2019.

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 \$21,733 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$23,309.

Revenue Source/ Related Budget Information [relevant for J.002]

A total of \$158.9 million is projected to be available in the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund for appropriation in FY 2019-20, based on the March 2019 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. As detailed below, the FY 2019-20 budget package introduced by the Joint Budget Committee, as amended by General Assembly action on the Long Bill, leaves \$28.1 million available.

Total funds projected to be available for FY 2019-20	\$ 158,948,672
Less: Long Bill (S.B. 19-207) appropriations	(130,043,950)
Less: Transfers in/(out) under current law and S.B. 19-213	(803,348)
Funds remaining available	\$ 28,101,374