

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING REQUIRING THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A COURSE THAT INCLUDES HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES AS A CONDITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet

General Fund

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/09/20.

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.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.001	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$11,988 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2020-21.

L.001 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) delays school districts' required implementation

of the new standards by one year and makes the requirements of the bill contingent on the Department of Education's receipt of gifts, grants, or donations. The amendment also adds a safety clause to the bill. By delaying the requirements and making implementation conditioned upon the receipt of gifts, grants, or donations, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that amendment L.001 eliminates the need for an appropriation in FY 2020-21.

If the Committee adopts amendment L.001 then it should not adopt amendment J.001.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2020-21 based on the following:

- the May 12, 2020, Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast;
- a school finance bill placeholder for a reduction of \$723.8 million General Fund;
- a placeholder for the reduction of \$202.0 million General Fund through one or more non-JBC package bills; and
- an adjusted statutory General Fund reserve percentage of 3.84 percent equal to \$402.0 million.

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$11,988 for FY 2020-21, thereby decreasing the proposed fiscal year-end General Fund reserve or increasing the proposed placeholder reductions by the same amount.

Revenue Source

Amendment L.001 would make implementation of the bill contingent on the receipt of gifts, grants, and donations. Is it likely that sufficient gifts, grants, and donations will be received for this purpose?