

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES.

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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 03/29/18.

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

*The Business Affairs and Labor Committee Report (04/05/18) includes amendments to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the total fiscal impact of the bill; however, the Committee Report creates the program in the Department of Labor and Employment, instead of the Department of Local Affairs.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.004	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact

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 \$687,500 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2018-19. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE.

L.004 Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached):

- Eliminates a requirement that the General Assembly appropriate \$687,500 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2018-19 and provisions restricting program administrative expenses.
- Creates a new Emergency Employment Support Services Pilot Program Cash Fund consisting of gifts, grants, and donations and any money appropriated or transferred to the Fund by the General Assembly.
- Specifies that the Department is not required to implement the program created by the bill until sufficient money is received in the Fund.

The Committee may adopt L.004 **or** J.001 but should not adopt both amendments.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2018-19 based on the March 2018 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$40.8 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$38.3 million General Fund to fund 2018 legislation and maintain a 6.5 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$687,500 for FY 2018-19, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$732,188.