

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING EXPANDING THE GRADES ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHILD NUTRITION SCHOOL LUNCH PROTECTION PROGRAM.

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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 01/19/18.

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 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note indicates that the bill requires an appropriation of \$564,279 General Fund. Staff notes that the Child Nutrition School Lunch Protection Program is currently supported by both General Fund and cash funds from the State Education Fund. The General Assembly could therefore appropriate the increase to support this bill from the General Fund, the State Education Fund, or a combination of both funds.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

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 \$564,279 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2018-19.

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 \$564,279 for FY 2018-19, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$600,957.