

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING CREATING AN OPTION FOR PARENTS WHO SEEK TO VOLUNTARILY DELEGATE CERTAIN PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO A SAFE FAMILY FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME WITHOUT RELINQUISHING LEGAL CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILD.

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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 02/25/19.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	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 House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee Report (03/15/19) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Page five of the attached Fiscal Note indicates that this bill will increase General Fund obligations for TABOR refunds by \$18,975 in FY 2019-20, based on the Legislative Council Staff (LCS) December 2018 revenue forecast. However, the LCS March 2019 forecast projects that revenue earned in FY 2019-20 that is subject to the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) spending limit will fall short of the excess state revenues ("Referendum C") cap by \$69.5 million. Thus, based on the most recent LCS forecast, this bill will not affect or trigger a TABOR refund obligation in FY 2019-20.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.009/J.002	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 \$52,058 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2019-20. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.7 FTE.

L.009 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.009** (attached) amends the Public Health Care & Human Services Committee Report to add a provision to limit the operation of a temporary care assistance program, prior to July 1, 2021, to a child placement agency that is a nonprofit organization and that has operated a program similar to a temporary care assistance program in 30 or more states. The amendment reduces the number of FTE required by the Department to supervise the program by 0.4 FTE and the associated expenditures identified in the Fiscal Note for FY 2019-20.

Staff has prepared amendment J.002 (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$14,093 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2019-20. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.3 FTE.

If the Committee adopts amendment L.009 then it should adopt J.002 and should not adopt amendment J.001.

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 \$65.2 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$60.8 million General Fund to fund 2019 legislation and maintain a 7.25 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$52,058 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$55,832.