

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO IMPROVE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO POST-HIGH SCHOOL TRAINING.

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Reps. McLachlan and Baisley

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

New Cash Fund (with Continuous Appropriation)

Significant Cost Increase in Second Year

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 03/08/21.

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 Education Committee Report (03/11/21) 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.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.006	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes out-year but not budget year 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 \$264,337 General Fund for FY 2021-22, including appropriations of \$220,115 to the Department of Education and \$44,222 to the Department of Higher Education. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Education will require an additional 0.3 FTE and the Department of Higher Education will require an additional 0.6 FTE.

L.006 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.006** (attached) makes a number of technical changes to the bill, including changes to reporting deadlines and requirements and making the Department of Education responsible for payments to school districts under the Fourth-year Innovation Pilot Program (rather than the Department of Higher Education). In addition, the amendment makes private institutions of higher education ineligible to receive scholarship funding under the bill. Relative to the fiscal impact, the amendment specifies that state funding awarded to eligible graduates under the bill for the duration of the program will be tied to the state share of statewide average per pupil funding for FY 2021-22 as calculated during the 2021 regular legislative session. While the amendment changes the fiscal impact of the bill in FY 2022-23 and subsequent years, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that it does not change the fiscal impact (or the required appropriation) for FY 2021-22.

The Committee should adopt amendment J.001 regardless of whether it adopts amendment L.006.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes a set aside of \$50.0 million General Fund for bills that require General Fund appropriations for FY 2021-22. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$264,337 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$50.0 million set aside by the same amount.