

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT.

Prime Sponsors: Sens. Zenzinger and Priola  
Reps. McLachlan and McKean

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet**

**General Fund Impact**

**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/15/22.

<b>XXX</b>	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill*
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

\*Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff concur that the appropriation required is \$2,702,512. A different figure on p. 4 of the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note reflects a technical error.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.006/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 \$2,702,512 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2022-23. This provision also

states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 4.6 FTE

**L.006 and J.002**

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.006** (attached) strikes provisions in the Education Committee Report dated February 3, 2022, which require the Department of Higher Education to establish the Foster Care Student Navigator Office. It also specifies that the General Assembly "shall appropriate money for the purpose of covering" fifty percent of foster students' remaining balance financial assistance, rather than specifying that the General Assembly "shall appropriate money to cover" fifty percent of foster students' remaining balance financial assistance. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that: (1) eliminating the requirement for a Foster Care Student Navigator Office reduces the cost of the bill to \$2,328,035 General Fund in FY 2022-23 and ongoing; (2) the other changes in amendment L.006 will eliminate the need for mid-year budget adjustments to true-up annual appropriations.

Staff has prepared amendment J.002 to appropriate \$2,328,035 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2022-23. **The Committee may adopt J.001 or the combination of L.006 and J.002 but should not adopt any other combination of these amendments.**

**Points to Consider***General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is developing a budget package for FY 2022-23. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$2,702,512 for FY 2022-23 as it was referred to the Appropriations Committee or requires a General Fund appropriation of \$2,328,035 for FY 2022-23 if amendments L.006 and J.002 are adopted. The appropriations included in this bill will reduce the General Fund available for other FY 2022-23 appropriations by the same amount.