

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2015-16 BUDGET YEAR, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 02/08/16.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that reduces appropriations to the Department of Education by a total of \$133,492,226 for FY 2015-16, including \$93,542,173 General Fund and \$39,950,053 cash funds. The appropriation clause includes the following reductions to the state share of districts' total program funding line item to account for an increase in local revenues and maintain a constant level of total program funding: (1) \$93,542,173 General Fund; and (2) \$40,000,000 cash funds from the State Public School Fund. The appropriation also adds \$49,947 cash funds from the State Education Fund to the Hold-harmless Full-day Kindergarten Funding line item to reflect actual student count data from the October 2015 student count. Finally, the appropriation clause adjusts a footnote in the FY 2015-16 Long Bill to reflect an increase in per pupil funding for students participating in the Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) program in FY 2015-16.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

1. The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a supplemental budget package for FY 2015-16 based on the December 2015 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates all of the General Fund revenues projected to be available for appropriation. The JBC has included as part of its budget package the \$93.5 million reduction in General Fund appropriations for the implementation of this bill.
2. Current law prohibits increasing the negative factor as a dollar amount from FY 2015-16 to FY 2016-17. By reducing the negative factor by \$24.5 million in FY 2015-16, this bill increases the General Fund appropriation required for total program in FY 2016-17 by \$24.5 million relative to current law.