

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING AN OMBUDSPERSON FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCESS TO CARE TO ASSIST CONSUMERS IN ACCESSING CARE AND REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS AND THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PARITY LAWS.

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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 04/24/18.

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

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 a total of \$94,050, including \$85,695 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2018-19 and \$8,355 cash funds to the Department of Regulatory Agencies from the Division of Insurance Cash Fund. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Human Services will require an additional 0.9 FTE and the Department of Regulatory Agencies will require 0.1 FTE.

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 would reduce the excess General Fund reserve by a total of \$99,620 because:

- the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$85,695 for FY 2018-19, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$91,265; and
- the bill would increase expenditures of insurance premium tax revenues by \$8,355, thereby reducing General Fund revenues by the same amount.