

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A ONE-TIME TRANSFER OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND.

Prime Sponsors: Sens. Rankin and Zenzinger
Reps. Esgar and Ransom

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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 05/01/19.

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 a provision that appropriates \$5,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2019-20, including \$1,150,000 from the General Fund and \$3,850,000 from the School Safety Resource Center Cash Fund. This appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Public Safety will require an addition 0.5 FTE. The provision authorizes the \$4,962,722 appropriated for the Smart School Bus Safety Pilot Program grants and third party administration to be expended over three fiscal years (through June 30, 2022).

For clarification, the bill also contains a \$100.0 million transfer (as opposed to an appropriation) from the General Fund to the Highway Users Tax Fund.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The JBC included as part of its FY 2019-20 budget package \$100.0 million General Fund to account for the \$100.0 million transfer from the General Fund to the Highway Users Tax Fund that is contained in this bill. The bill also includes a \$1,150,000 FY 2019-20 appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety. This appropriation was not part of the budget package. The

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budget package leaves approximately \$47.9 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$44.7 million General Fund to fund 2019 legislation and maintain a 7.25 percent General Fund reserve. The \$1,150,000 General Fund appropriation in this bill reduces the excess General Fund reserve by \$1,233,375.