# JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION THROUGH GRANT PROGRAMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Prime Sponsors:	Sens. Story and Sonnenberg
	Reps. Tipper and Van Beber

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#### **Appropriation Items of Note**

### Appropriation Already Added to Bill, 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 05/19/21.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill	
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues	
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to amendment adopted 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
L.008	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact

#### **Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

Section 5 of the bill amends Section 2 of H.B. 20B-1002 to allow unspent funds for outreach and technical assistance to be available through FY 2021-22.

Section 6, paragraph (1) of the bill appropriates \$8.8 million General Fund and 1.0 FTE in FY 2020-21 for the Employer -based Child Care Facility Grant Program and administration, including a provision allowing unspent funds to be available through FY 2021-22.

Section 6, paragraphs (2) and (3) of the bill appropriates \$92,708,337 federal Child Care Development Funds and 16.0 FTE. These appropriations are allocated as follows.

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# **JBC Staff Analysis**

- \$35.0 million and 1.0 FTE for the Child Care Sustainability Grant Program, any unspent funds as of July 1, 2022 are made available through FY 2022-23 for the same purposes;
- \$23.8 million for the Child Care Assistance Program;
- \$16.8 million and 1.0 FTE for the Community Innovation and Resilience for Care and Learning Equity (CIRCLE) Grant Program, any unspent funds as of July 1, 2022 are made available through FY 2022-23 for the same purposes;
- \$7.2 million and 4.0 FTE for the Early Care and Education Recruitment and Retention Grant and Scholarship Program;
- \$4.0 million and 2.0 FTE for child care grants for quality and availability and federal targeted funds requirements;
- \$3.0 million and 1.0 FTE for the Child Care Teacher Salary Grant Program;
- \$2.15 million and 1.0 FTE for the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program; and
- \$713,085 and 6.0 FTE for administration, monitoring, compliance, and reporting requirements.

## **Description of Amendments in This Packet**

- **L.008** Bill Sponsor amendment **L.008** (attached) increases the appropriations in Section 6, paragraphs (2) and (3) of the bill by \$286,156,175 federal Child Care Development Funds and 6.0 FTE. The amendment changes the appropriations as follows:
  - Increases by \$257,700,664 and 2.0 FTE the appropriation in subparagraph (2)(a) for the Child Care Sustainability Grant Program; and
  - Increases by \$28,455,511 and 4.0 FTE the appropriation in subparagraph (3)(b) for child care grants for quality and availability and federal targeted funds requirements.

## **Points to Consider**

## General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2021-22 budget package \$8.8 million General Fund to be appropriated for implementation of this bill. Specifically, the JBC package includes a place holder of \$800.0 million General Fund for those bills that are part of the "State Stimulus Package", and this bill is part of that package.