

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO SUPPORT CERTAIN SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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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 Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/27/24.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	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

The staff-prepared appropriation amendment and bill sponsor amendments described below reflect a decision of the Joint Budget Committee to use the authority granted by this bill to appropriate State Education Fund for the Healthy School Meals for All Program in lieu of General Fund. The Joint Budget Committee's budget package incorporates replacing \$15.4 million of General Fund appropriations in FY 2023-24 and \$22.1 million of General Fund appropriations in FY 2024-25 with appropriations from the State Education Fund. Because the bill was introduced without an appropriation clause, these fund source changes are not reflected in the fiscal note.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.002/L.001/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation [L.002 amends L.001]

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 making the following changes to appropriations to the Department of Education that are included in the FY 2024-25 Long Bill. These include adjustments to the FY 2023-24 supplemental appropriations to the Department of Education that are included in Section 16 of the Long Bill.

FY 2023-24: Reduces the appropriation from the General Fund by \$15,439,107 and increases the appropriation from State Education Fund by the same amount. Also, reduces the appropriation from the Healthy School Meals for All Program General Fund Exempt Account by \$156,000,000 and increases the appropriation from the Healthy School Meals for All Program Cash Fund by the same amount.

FY 2024-25: Reduces the appropriation from the General Fund by \$40,642,134 and increases the appropriation from the State Education Fund by \$22,821,935. These adjustments include an assumption that the Department will require 0.6 FTE less than the amount reflected in the FY 2024-25 Long Bill. Also, reduces the appropriation from the Healthy School Meals for All Program General Fund Exempt Account by \$116,200,000 and increases the appropriation from the Healthy School Meals for All Program Cash Fund by the same amount.

L.002, L.001 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.001 as amended by L.002** (attached) modifies the bill so that the Healthy School Meals for All Program General Fund Exempt Account changes to the Healthy School Meals for All Program Cash Fund on July 1, 2024, through a transfer from the General Fund Exempt Account into the Cash Fund, rather than by renaming the fund. This change requires creation of a new statutory section. Amendment L.002 modifies the new statutory section to conform to other changes that are included in this bill (making food service worker wage enhancements subject to available appropriation).

Amendment J.002 includes the same changes to General Fund and State Education Fund appropriations as are described for J.001 but does not change the FY 2023-24 appropriation from the Healthy School Meals for All Program General Fund Exempt Account and references a new statutory section in the FY 2024-25 appropriation from the Healthy School Meals for All Program Cash Fund.

The Committee may adopt the combination of L.001, L.002, and J.002 or it may adopt J.001.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2024-25 based on the March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2024-25 budget package a reduction of \$15.5 million General Fund appropriations in FY 2023-24 and \$40.6 million General Fund appropriations in FY 2024-25 to be included in this bill.