

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning the financing of public schools.

Prime Sponsors:

Senator Kolker; Kirkmeyer
Representative Hamrick

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/22/26.

Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues.

The Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (04/22/26) identifies a \$254,000 shift from postsecondary workforce administrative costs to work-based learning distributions to local education providers. Based on revised calculations, this amount should be \$267,424. Legislative Council Staff agrees with this update.

Amendments in This Packet

- J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
- L.015 Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact.
- L.016 Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of \$3,755,558 from the State Education Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2025-26 and appropriates a total of \$5,375,404 from the State Education Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2026-27. Amendment **J.001** also shifts \$267,424 from postsecondary workforce administrative costs to work-based learning distributions to local education providers.

L.015

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.015** (attached) provides additional funding for students who are placed at an out-of-state facility by a public placement entity, and where residency is not clearly established. The current educational orphan set-aside within the Department's Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities line item has overlap with the population discussed here, but can only be accessed for in-state placements. Amendment **L.015** would increase the set-aside from \$500,000 to \$1.0 million, allow the funding to be used for out-of-state placements, and allow the State Board of Education to set a process in rule for determining residency in these cases. Amendment **L.015** results in a shift of \$500,000 from Tier B special education funding to this purpose, but does not result in a net funding change. This shift results in \$17.60 less per Tier B student. JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff agree on the fiscal impact of this amendment.

L.016

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.016** (attached) makes changes to the Healthy School Meals for All program to allow charter school sites which operate under a charter school food authority to apply for and receive Local Food Program and Wages and Stipends funds individually. JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff agree that this amendment does not have a fiscal impact.

The Committee should adopt **J.001**. It may also adopt **L.015** and/or **L.016** in addition to **J.001**.

Points to Consider

None.