

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR MODERN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Sens. Hill and Johnston

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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 03/21/16.

	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 House Education Committee Report (03/28/16) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

The Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note, dated March 21, 2016, indicates that the bill requires an appropriation of \$559,539 General Fund in FY 2016-17 and assumes that the Department of Education will require an additional 0.5FTE. However, as passed by the House, the bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$279,770 General Fund in FY 2016-17, a reduction of \$279,769 from the amount identified in the Fiscal Note. The appropriation clause also states that it is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.25 FTE, a reduction of 0.25 FTE from the amount identified in the Fiscal Note. As a discretionary grant program, the appropriation amount is set by the General Assembly. Thus, while the Fiscal Note's analysis of the bill remains unchanged, staff assumes it is the sponsors' intent to support the program with the reduced appropriation of \$279,770 General Fund in FY 2016-17.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$279,770 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2016-17. The appropriation clause also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.25 FTE to implement the bill.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2016-17 based on the March 2016 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates \$3.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2016 legislation that is not accounted for in the budget package. If the full \$3.0 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.