

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ENSURING EDUCATIONAL STABILITY FOR STUDENTS IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT.

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Sens. Coram and Moreno

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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 04/09/18.

	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

County departments of human/social services are reimbursed with state and federal funds up to 80.0 percent of expenditures for most child welfare services. The fiscal note indicates that the cost of travel reimbursements would require an appropriation of \$2,750,328 General Fund. JBC staff agrees with Legislative Council Staff (LCS) concerning the total cost of these services, however JBC staff calculates the county responsibility for these costs to be \$550,066. As a result, a General Fund appropriation of \$2,200,262 is required. JBC staff and LCS agree to the change in fund source for a portion of this appropriation.

The House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee Report (04/10/18) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.004/J.003	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

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 appropriating a total of \$2,817,327 to the Department of Human Services for FY 2018-19, including \$2,267,261 General Fund and \$550,066 cash funds from local funds. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.9 FTE.

In addition, amendment J.001 includes a provision appropriating \$1,054,664 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2018-19. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.1 FTE.

L.004 and J.003

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached) changes the fiscal year in which the Department of Education is required to implement the Educational Stability Grant Program and hire a full-time foster care education coordinator from FY 2018-19 to FY 2019-20. Thus, amendment **L.004** eliminates the need for an appropriation to the Department of Education for FY 2018-19.

Amendment **J.003** (attached) adds a provision appropriating a total of \$2,817,327 to the Department of Human Services for FY 2018-19, including \$550,066 cash funds from local funds and \$2,267,261 from federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funds. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.9 FTE.

If the Committee adopts amendment L.004, it should adopt amendment J.003 and should not adopt amendment J.001.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

1. The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2018-19 based on the March 2018 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$40.8 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$38.3 million General Fund to fund 2018 legislation and maintain a 6.5 percent General Fund reserve. The introduced bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$3,321,925 for FY 2018-19, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$3,537,850.

If **L.004** is adopted, the bill does not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2018-19.

Future Fiscal Impact

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2. Amendment L.004 changes the fiscal year in which the Department of Education is required to implement the Educational Stability Grant Program and hire a full-time foster care education coordinator. This amendment shifts the cost associated with the implementation of Sections 2 and 3 of the bill from FY 2018-19 to FY 2019-20. The Department of Education will require an appropriation of \$1,060,865 General Fund for FY 2019-20 for the implementation of Sections 2 and 3 of the bill.