

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ELIMINATING REQUIREMENTS THAT VICTIMS MUST OPT IN TO EFFECT THEIR RIGHTS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

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**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 04/01/19.

	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
<b>XXX</b>	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

After the 04/01/19 Fiscal Note was issued, the Department of Corrections reassessed the bill and concluded that it was impossible to begin implementation before July 1, 2019 because the bill is unlikely to become law until mid May or later. This change eliminates the FY 2018-19 appropriation indicated in the Fiscal Note and increases the FY 2019-20 cost due to start-up costs that are shifted from FY 2018-19 to FY 2019-20. The appropriation of in J.001 reflects this reassessment.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**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 \$784,542 General Fund to the Department of Corrections for FY 2019-20. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 9.1 FTE.

**Points to Consider**

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*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2019-20 based on the March 2019 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$47.9 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$44.7 million General Fund to fund 2019 legislation and maintain a 7.25 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$784,542 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$841,421.