

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING INCREASING COMPLETION RATES OF APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 03/25/19.

<b>XXX</b>	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<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

The House Appropriations Committee Report (04/12/19) added an appropriation clause that is consistent with the Revised Fiscal Note.

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

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
None.	

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2019-20.

**Points to Consider**

*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 \$250,000 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$268,125.