

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS TO ASSIST NINTH-GRADE STUDENTS IN COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE NINTH GRADE SUCCESS GRANT PROGRAM.

Prime Sponsors: Reps. Buentello and Exum
Sens. Todd and Coram

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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 04/09/19.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	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 Education Committee Report (04/11/19) includes the following adjustments to the bill: (1) the amendment authorizes the appropriation of cash funds from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund to support the Ninth Grade Success Grant Program; and (2) the amendment clarifies that the General Assembly may appropriate money (including cash funds from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund) directly to the Department of Education to support the Student Reengagement Grant Program (rather than appropriating the money into the Student Reengagement Grant Program Fund). The amendment also repeals the Student Reengagement Grant Program Fund. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment changes the potential fund source to support the Ninth Grade Success Grant Program (specifically allowing the use of the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund) but does not change the anticipated cost of the program.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
J.002	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 \$1,573,332 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2019-20. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.9 FTE.
- J.002** Bill Sponsor amendment **J.002** (attached) adds a provision appropriating \$800,000 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2019-20 (rather than the \$1,573,332 General Fund included in amendment J.001). This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.6 FTE (rather than the 0.9 FTE assumed in amendment J.001). Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the reduced appropriation in amendment J.002 reduces the estimated FTE necessary to support the program.

If the Committee adopts amendment J.002 then it should not adopt amendment J.001.

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. With bill sponsor amendment J.002, this bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$800,000 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$858,000.