

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A WEBSITE WITH INFORMATION AND INTERNET LINKS TO AVAILABLE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN EACH GEOGRAPHIC REGION AND ENCOURAGING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO TAKE A COURSE IN MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION TO SATISFY CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

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 04/01/20.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.006	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

\$256,078 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2020-21.

L.006 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.006** (attached) is a strike below, which replaces all existing provisions in the bill. The amendment:

- Requires the Safe2Tell program to devise a process so that all calls and texts are received initially by a crisis operator and then non-crisis calls and texts are routed appropriately;
- Specifies that the program is not required to forward information to law enforcement if a call is routed to the behavioral health crisis response system.
- Repeals a requirement that Safe2Tell provide awareness and educational materials to preschools;
- Aligns the process and procedures for tips received via all communication methods; and
- Allows the attorney general to disclose to law enforcement personnel any materials or information obtained through the implementation or operation of the program if the attorney general reasonably deems such disclosure necessary for the prevention of imminent physical harm or serious bodily injury to one or more persons.

L.006 eliminates the fiscal impact by eliminating the provisions in the existing fiscal note. The provisions added in L.006 do not require an appropriation.

If L.006 is adopted, J.001 should not be adopted.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2020-21 based on the following:

- the May 12, 2020, Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast;
- a school finance bill placeholder for a reduction of \$723.8 million General Fund;
- a placeholder for the reduction of \$202.0 million General Fund through one or more non-JBC package bills; and
- an adjusted statutory General Fund reserve percentage of 3.84 percent equal to \$402.0 million.

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$256,078 for FY 2020-21, thereby decreasing the proposed fiscal year-end General Fund reserve or increasing the proposed placeholder reductions by the same amount.