

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING PROMOTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES TO SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS.

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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 Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 01/14/22.

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 Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee Report (02/01/22) 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

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 \$158,690 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2022-23. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department

will require an additional 0.4 FTE to implement the act. Please note that while the fiscal note assumes that the bill requires appropriations to the Office of Behavioral Health, the FY 2022-23 Long Bill places the relevant line items within the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). Thus, amendment J.001 makes the relevant appropriations to the BHA rather than the Office of Behavioral Health.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2022-23 based on the March 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package leaves \$1.5 million over the fiscal year-end General Fund reserve requirement. In addition, the budget package includes two set-asides:

1. \$40.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and
2. \$900.0 million General Fund for bills that create one-time obligations in FY 2022-23.

The \$40.0 million *appropriations* set-aside includes an additional \$6.0 million General Fund to provide a 15.0 percent General Fund reserve for those appropriations. The \$900.0 million *obligations* set-aside does not include an additional amount for a General Fund reserve and, assumes, but does not require, that obligations be addressed through statutory transfers rather than appropriations. Therefore *appropriations* from the \$900.0 million set-aside require an additional 15.0 percent to maintain the statutory General Fund reserve.

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$158,690 for FY 2022-23, reducing either the excess reserve or the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.