

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A STATEWIDE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR REFERRAL TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ANNUAL GRANTS TO HELP FUND THE SYSTEM AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No 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 05/05/22.

<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

**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 provides \$1.0 million General Fund in FY 2021-22 and \$1,055,645 General Fund in FY 2022-23, which is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.9 FTE. The provision further states that the any unexpended appropriation in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 is made available in the subsequent fiscal year, respectively.

**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 includes two set-asides:

- \$40.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and
- \$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.

The bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$1.0 million for FY 2021-22 and \$1.1 million for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by \$2.1 million.

*Future Budget Processes*

Section 2 of this bill adds Section 29-11-203 (4)(a), C.R.S., which requires the General Assembly to appropriate General Fund to the Colorado 2-1-1 Collaborative for FY 2021-22 and ongoing, regardless of program effectiveness or the availability of appropriations. Additionally, Section 29-11-203 (4)(b) provides the Department with roll-forward spending authority for these appropriations. Is it necessary and appropriate to **require** the General Assembly to appropriate General Fund to a program, rather than require the program to be assessed on an annual basis through the normal budgeting process?