

JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS FOR MINORS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 04/03/08 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Senate Appropriation Committee 04/09/08)

The Senate Appropriation Committee Report dated April 9, 2008 added the appropriation clause described below.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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Reason for the Update

Based on the appropriations in the 2008 Long Bill, staff estimates that the Children's Basic Health Plan (CBHP) Trust Fund will have an ending balance of approximately \$12.0 million in FY 2008-09. Because there are sufficient funds in the CBHP Trust Fund for the provisions of this bill, a \$19,000 General Fund appropriation into the CBHP Trust Fund is unnecessary in FY 2008-09.

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$54,300 total funds to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing in FY 2008-09 for the CBHP Premiums Costs. Of this amount, \$19,000 is from the CBHP Trust Fund and \$35,300 is from federal funds.

Staff has prepared amendment J.003 (attached) to change the format of the existing appropriation clause to indicate that the federal funds are not technically appropriated by the General Assembly. This is consistent with appropriation clauses adopted in other bills. Amendment J.003 is a technical amendment only -- it does not change the amounts appropriated.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

Currently the CBHP Trust Fund is forecasted to have an ending balance of \$12.0 million in FY 2008-09. Senate Bill 08-057 will expend \$19,000 in FY 2008-09 and \$40,900 in FY 2009-10 from the Children's Basic Health Plan Trust Fund. In addition, S.B. 08-160 will expend \$1.8 million in FY 2008-09 and \$6.0 million in FY 2009-10 from the CBHP Trust Fund. Staff estimates that beginning in FY 2010-11, the CBHP Trust Fund's balance will be exhausted and that in order to continue to fund the provisions in S.B. 08-057 and S.B. 08-160, an estimated \$10.7 million in additional state funding will be needed.