

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 04/28/15.

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.003	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.026	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$25,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2015-16. The current appropriation also amends a footnote in the FY 2015-16 Long Bill that specifies what portion of the appropriation for districts' total program funding may be used for the Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) Program because the bill increases per pupil funding and requires an adjustment to the amount dedicated to ASCENT.

The bill does not currently include appropriations to support the "at-risk per pupil additional funding" authorized in the House Education Committee Report, dated April 27, 2015.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.003 Staff has prepared amendment **J.003** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$5,000,000 cash funds from the State Public School Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2015-16 for at-risk per pupil additional funding as authorized in the House Education Committee Report.

L.026 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.026** (attached) makes a technical correction to the Education Committee Report to clarify that transfers of interest and income earned on the investment of moneys in the Public School (Permanent) Fund to the State Public School Fund to support at-risk per pupil additional funding will increase in FY 2015-16 rather than FY 2014-15. **If the Committee adopts amendment L.026, it should still adopt amendment J.003.**

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2015-16 based on the March 2015 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2015-16 budget package a \$25,000,000 General Fund appropriation for implementation of this bill.