

JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC BENEFITS TO OFFENDERS
TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION
THEREFOR.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 01/14/08
Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended on the
House Floor on Second Reading)

The House floor amendment clarifies that if a juvenile is committed for less than 120 days, commitment facility staff or state personnel are only required to make a reasonable effort to assist the parent or legal guardian of the juvenile in applying for medical assistance as soon as practicable. The bill had originally required facility personnel to assist juveniles with applying for medical assistance at least 120 days prior to their release from commitment.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs

Does Not
Concur

Updated
Analysis

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates General Fund to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. At the direction of the Appropriations Committee Chairman, staff has drafted amendment J.003 (attached) to change the existing appropriation clause to reduce the General Fund appropriation in the FY 2008-09 Long Bill (H.B. 08-1375) to the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund by \$25,312 in order to offset the General Fund appropriation required to implement this bill.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

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

Points to Consider

1. The Joint Budget Committee has introduced a balanced budget package for FY 2008-09 based on the March 2008, Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package appropriates the maximum amount of General Fund allowed pursuant to the statutory six percent limit on General Fund appropriations, including a \$6,183,659 General Fund appropriation to the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund (CMTF). If the Committee adopts J.003, the General Fund appropriation to the CMTF will be reduced by \$25,312 in order to comply with the statutory limit on General Fund appropriations.