

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE STUDY OF AN EDUCATION SYSTEM RANGING FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL COUNCIL, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 03/20/06 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note was Prepared (Amended by the Senate Appropriations Committee 03/31/06)

The Appropriations Committee inserted an appropriation clause (described in the "Amendments/Appropriation Status" section below). The Committee also adopted a technical amendment to make the necessary statutory changes to move up the repeal date of the P - 16 Council from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2010. **Neither of these amendments affect the fiscal impact of the bill.**

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concur Does Not Concur Updated Analysis

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill currently includes a provision that appropriates \$6,719 General Fund and 0.1 FTE to the Legislative Department for *FY 2005-06*, and \$20,156 General Fund and 0.4 FTE to the Legislative Department for *FY 2006-07*. These appropriations are consistent with the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note, dated March 20, 2006.

Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendment(s) to be offered.

Points to Consider

1. The Joint Budget Committee has introduced a budget package for *FY 2005-06* based on the March 2006, Legislative Council Staff (LCS) forecast. The budget package appropriates the maximum amount of General Fund allowed for *FY 2005-06* pursuant to the statutory six percent limit on General Fund appropriations. This bill requires \$6,719 in additional General Fund expenditures in *FY 2005-06*. If this bill is enacted, other appropriations for existing programs

will need to be reduced by an equal amount in order to comply with the statutory limit on General Fund appropriations.

2. The Joint Budget Committee has introduced a budget package for *FY 2006-07* based on the March 2006, 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, less \$10,000,000. This bill requires \$20,156 in additional General Fund appropriations for FY 2006-07. If this bill is enacted in conjunction with other bills that require more than a total of \$10.0 million General Fund for FY 2006-07, the General Assembly will exceed the statutory limit on General Fund appropriations.