

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE 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.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 03/20/06 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note was Prepared

None.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs **Does Not Concur** **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill does not currently contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add 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.

Sponsor Amendments

Sponsor amendment **L.006** is a technical amendment to the Education Committee Report 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. This amendment does not affect the fiscal impact of the bill. **Whether or not L.006 is adopted, J.001 should be adopted.**

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 will require \$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.