

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee**

Concerning the use of trauma-informed practices to address school safety.

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**Prime Sponsors:**

Senator Marchman  
Representative Joseph

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**Fiscal Impacts**

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Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet

General Fund Impact

**Fiscal Note Status**

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The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 01/14/25.

**No Change:** Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

The Senate Education Committee Report (02/05/25) includes amendments to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC staff agree that these amendments do not change the fiscal impact.

**Amendments in This Packet**

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J.001            Staff-prepared appropriation amendment, reflects bill as amended by Senate Education

L.005/J.002    Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact and appropriation

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.001**

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates \$146,250 General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2025-26.

## L.005 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.005** (attached) requires that the work group be funded exclusively by gifts, grants, and private donations, including in-kind donations, and that no General Fund appropriations may be used. This removes the fiscal impact of \$146,250 General Fund identified in the fiscal note.

The work group is only implemented if the Department of Public Safety receives the equivalent of \$50,000 in cash or in-kind donations. A Legislative Council Staff memo (attached) provides more details about the amendment.

Amendment **J.002** appropriates \$50,000 cash funds from the Trauma-informed Practices for School safety Drills Fund (the Fund) to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2025-26. The Fund is created by the bill as amended by the Senate Education Committee. This appropriation allows the Department of Public Safety to spend cash donations if they occur, but the appropriation is not necessary for in-kind donations.

If the Committee adopts **L.005** and **J.002** it should not adopt **J.001**.

## Points to Consider

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### General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSP) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$18.2 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders.

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2025 Legislation	
Description	FY 2025-26 Appropriation
Juvenile diversion, deflection, or detention	\$10,000,000
General Assembly legislative priorities	6,521,739
Voter approved initiatives	1,700,000
Total	\$18,221,739

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$146,250 for FY 2025-26, reducing the \$18.2 million set aside by the same amount. Bill sponsor amendment **L.005** removes the General Fund impact of the bill if the amendment is adopted.

### Gifts, Grants, and Donations

The bill is dependent on gifts, grants, and donations. For implementation, the bill requires at least \$50,000 from cash or in-kind donations. If the necessary revenue from these sources is not realized, the implementation of this bill is at risk. The future use of General Fund, or any other source of state funding, to implement a bill that is exclusively funded by gifts, grants, and donations is prohibited pursuant to Section 24-75-1305, C.R.S. Is it the General Assembly's intent to fund this program exclusively through gifts, grants, and donations