# JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING CREATING A MULTI-AGENCY WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS SCHOOL SAFETY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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# **Appropriation Items of Note**

#### Appropriation Not Required, Amendments in Packet

#### **General Fund Impact**

### **Significant Cost Increase in Second Year**

## 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 05/28/20.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to amendment adopted 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.002	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.007	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact and appropriation

#### **Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates a total of \$96,776 General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2020-21. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE. However, the House Education Committee Report (05/26/20) delays the implementation of the bill until FY 2021-22, eliminating the need for an appropriation in FY 2020-21.

### **Description of Amendments in This Packet**

- **J.002** Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to eliminate the existing appropriation clause for FY 2020-21 in alignment with the House Education Committee Report.
- **L.007** Sponsor amendment **L.007** (attached): (1) strikes the House Education Committee Report; (2) strikes the bill's existing appropriation clause; and (3) inserts a provision stating that the General Assembly has determined that the bill can be implemented within existing resources and does not require a separate appropriation of state funds. By striking the House Education Committee Report, the amendment would require the implementation of the bill in FY 2020-21 and would require the Department of Public Safety to do so within its existing appropriations.

If the Committee adopts amendment L.007 then it should <u>not</u> adopt amendment J.002.

#### **Points to Consider**

#### Future Fiscal Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2020-21. The budget package bills reduce or eliminate some appropriations and transfers, and suspend or delay other appropriations and transfers. These bills also augment the amount of money available in the General Fund. Many of these changes apply for FY 2020-21 only, and thus require scheduled increases in General Fund appropriations and transfers in FY 2021-22 and subsequent fiscal years. As amended by the House Education Committee Report, this bill would not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2020-21. However, it is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$96,776 in FY 2021-22 and \$106,748 in FY 2022-23, further increasing the base General Fund commitment in those fiscal years. This further reduces the amount of General Fund available for appropriations and obligations by the same amount.