

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO OPERATE PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/16/15.

	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
<b>XXX</b>	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The House Education Committee Report (3/18/15), the House Appropriations Committee Report (3/27/15) and two additional amendments adopted by the House on Second Reading (4/1/15) amend the bill; however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that these amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

The Senate Education Committee Report (04/15/15) adds a provision requiring the Commissioner of Education and Executive Director of the Department of Higher Education to notify the revisor of statutes by January 1, 2017 that they have jointly approved an application for a P-tech school. If they do not, the article creating P-tech schools is repealed effective July 1, 2017. The bill’s fiscal impact after FY 2016-17 is thus conditioned on the notification to the revisor of statutes.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

Amendment	Description
None	

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates a total of \$14,464 General Fund for FY 2015-16, including \$7,232 to the Department of Education and \$7,232 to the Department of Higher Education. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that each Department will require an additional 0.1 FTE for FY 2015-16 to implement the act.

**Points to Consider**

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*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2015-16 based on the March 2015 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates a total of \$18.5 million General Fund to be available to fund 2015 legislation. If the full \$18.5 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.

*Future Fiscal Impact*

The bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$14,464 for FY 2015-16 and is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$4.1 million per year beginning in FY 2021-22.