

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

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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 01/20/15.

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

The fiscal impact discussed in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated January 20, 2015 (Fiscal Note), was based on the December 2014 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast and a forecast inflation rate of 2.7 percent for calendar year 2014. Based on the actual 2014 inflation rate of 2.8 percent and the resulting change in total program funding for school finance, the school finance appropriation required by this bill in FY 2015-16 increases from \$243.7 million as discussed in the Fiscal Note to \$243.8 million. Specifically, the bill requires an increase of \$236,062,925 General Fund, in addition to \$7,756,521 cash funds from the State Education Fund currently supporting the Hold-harmless Full-day Kindergarten line item that are moved into the State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding line item to support the cost of full-day kindergarten as required by the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision making the following appropriations and changes to appropriations to the Department of Education for FY 2015-16:

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JBC Staff Analysis

- ! A decrease of \$7,756,521 cash funds from the State Education Fund to eliminate the appropriation for the Hold-harmless Full-day Kindergarten Funding line item for FY 2015-16;
- ! An increase of \$7,756,521 cash funds from the State Education Fund for the State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding to move the funds currently supporting the Hold-harmless Full-day Kindergarten line item into the State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding; and
- ! An increase of \$236,062,925 General Fund for the State Share of Districts' Total Program Funding line item.

Points to Consider

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. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$236.1 million for FY 2015-16, and would thus: (a) require the full amount allocated for 2015 legislation; and (b) require other General Fund appropriations for existing programs to be reduced by \$217.6 million.