

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS THAT COLORADO STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE UPON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

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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 02/17/15.

<b>XXX</b>	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<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 Education Committee Report (02/25/15) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of 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 appropriating a total of \$211,903 General Fund for FY 2015-16, including \$118,969 to the Department of Labor and Employment and \$92,934 to the Department of Education. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Labor and Employment will require an additional 1.0 FTE and the Department of Education will require an additional 0.7 FTE to implement the act. The provision also reappropriates \$20,000 of the funds provided to the Department of Labor and Employment to the Governor's Office of Information Technology to provide information technology services to the Department of Labor and Employment.

**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.