

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26327

This is the FY 2019 original appropriation bill for the STEM Action Center. It appropriates \$4,676,600 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 6.00. For benefit costs, the bill removes \$1,450 per eligible FTP to bring the annual employer contribution for health insurance down to \$11,650 by including a two-month employee and employer premium holiday, adds a 6.8% increase for life insurance, and adjusts funding for workers' compensation in amounts that vary by agency. For statewide cost allocation, \$1,200 is provided, State Controller fees will increase by \$800 and State Treasurer fees will increase by \$400. The bill also provides funding for a 3% ongoing merit-based salary increase for permanent employees, to be distributed at the discretion of the agency head and a 3% increase in the compensation schedule.

The bill funds four line items, which provide: 1.00 FTP and \$85,100 from the General Fund (\$78,500 ongoing, \$6,600 onetime) for a financial officer position that would have responsibilities for the agency's budget, grants, and financial inquiries currently handled by the Division of Financial Management; 1.00 FTP for a senior research analyst that would conduct research and project development as well as analyze collected data; and \$1,800 from the General Fund (\$900 ongoing, \$900 onetime) for IT and telecommunication support services provided by the Department of Administration. The budget also includes the transfer of \$2,000,000 onetime from the General Fund to the STEM Education Fund for the Computer Science Initiative to promote computer science activities in schools and communities.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2018 Original Appropriation	4.00	4,489,500	2,100,300	0	6,589,800
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	(2,005,900)	0	0	(2,005,900)
FY 2019 Base	4.00	2,483,600	2,100,300	0	4,583,900
Benefit Costs	0.00	(5,600)	0	0	(5,600)
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	800	400	0	1,200
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	10,200	0	0	10,200
FY 2019 Program Maintenance	4.00	2,489,000	2,100,700	0	4,589,700
1. Financial Officer Position	1.00	85,100	0	0	85,100
2. Senior Research Analyst	1.00	0	0	0	0
3. Computer Science Initiative	0.00	2,000,000	0	0	2,000,000
4. IT/Telecommunications	0.00	1,800	0	0	1,800
Cash Transfers	0.00	(2,000,000)	0	0	(2,000,000)
FY 2019 Total	6.00	2,575,900	2,100,700	0	4,676,600
Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp	2.00	(1,913,600)	400	0	(1,913,200)
% Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp.	50.0%	(42.6%)	0.0%		(29.0%)

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