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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill appropriates \$200,000 in FY 2023 from the GRF for the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to contract with outside organizations or individuals to create and implement the Navigator Pilot Program.
- DAS will incur some administrative costs to create and distribute informational materials regarding the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program and federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.

Detailed Analysis

Navigator Pilot Program

The bill provides GRF appropriations of \$200,000 in FY 2023 under new line item 100506, Navigator Pilot Program, under the DAS budget. The bill requires the Department to use this funding to contract with outside organizations or individuals to create and implement the Navigator Pilot Program. The program will assist public employees in applying for and navigating the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

Federal student loan forgiveness informational materials

DAS will incur some administrative costs to create informational materials regarding the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program and federal Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program. Additionally, DAS will distribute these materials to public service organizations. At a minimum, the materials are to include letters that explain eligibility requirements, a fact sheet, and a list of frequently asked questions related to these federal loan forgiveness programs.

Public service organizations may incur a negligible cost to share informational materials on public service loan forgiveness with their employees. The public service organizations are defined in federal regulations pertaining to the loan forgiveness programs and include (1) federal, state, local, or tribal government entities, (2) public child or family service agencies, (3) nonprofit organizations, (4) tribal colleges and universities, and (5) certain private organizations that carry out various public service functions.