

**Item 5: Chief Education Office
Statewide Longitudinal Data System**

The Education Subcommittee recommends the interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge the receipt of a report on the Statewide Longitudinal Data System, and delay action on the request for funding until the 2016 legislative session.

The Chief Education Office has been working on the development of a Statewide Longitudinal Data System since 2012. The purpose of the project is to deliver a data system to measure outcomes and to evaluate the effectiveness of educational investments across the P-20 continuum which represents over half of the General Fund budget. The 2015 Legislature instructed the agency to satisfy project management and oversight requirements including following the joint CIO and LFO Stage Gate Review Process, have a qualified project manager, and contract with an independent QA contractor. The project has generally met these requirements and has been approved for the Stage Gate 3 which means the project may move forward to the execution phase.

The project has initially selected a vendor and is currently in the negotiations stage of the contracting process. A “modified off-the-shelf” system, which is an existing system modified to meet the specific needs of the project, will be used; and the vendor has developed similar systems in other states. The current cost estimate for the project through the remainder of this biennium is \$6.3 million and ongoing biennial operational costs are estimated at \$2.7 million. Decisions relating to hardware needs, whether the project should be financed through bonding or appropriation, and further costing of the project must be made prior to final funding is considered during the February Session.

The Education Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.