

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Department of Education  
Child Care Resources and Referral Centers and Early Learning Hubs  
Consolidation Report**

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On February 13th, the Education Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Early Learning Division of the Department of Education on the Consolidation of Child Care Resources and Referral Centers and Early Learning Hubs.

The Early Learning Division (or ELD) depends on two sets of regional entities in carrying out its mission at the local level: Child Care Resources and Referral centers (or CCR&Rs) and Early Learning Hubs. During the 2019 session, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means was concerned about the overlapping functions and the physical boundaries of these two sets of regional entities. As a result, a budget note was included instructing ELD to study the feasibility of combining them while maintaining the scope, purpose, and intended functions of both.

This is a progress report of the Division's work so far. Further work will include outlining the opportunities and challenges of consolidation, stakeholder engagement, and determining what consolidation would mean for families, providers, and staff. If ELD determines that consolidation should go forward, it will present a proposal during the 2021 session.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval.