

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 7: Department of Education Department of Early Learning and Care Updates

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative McLain

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report required by HB 3073 (2021) on the creation of the Department of Early Learning and Care.

HB 3073 required the Early Learning Division to make three reports to the Legislature on implementation plans for the new Department of Early Learning and Care; this is the second report. The report details the progress made toward migrating the Employment-Related Day Care program from DHS, aligning early childhood special education and early intervention services into the statewide early learning system, adopting administrative rules related to school-aged child care, and all of the processes necessary for standing up a new state agency. Significant detail was provided on agency organization, budget implications, and positions needed for business functions the Early Learning Division does not currently have, and detailed plans were presented for the tasks needing to be finished before the agency's start date.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.