

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 8: Department of Education Educator Advancement Council**

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

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The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$5,157,019 in the Other Funds expenditure limitation, on a one-time basis, and authorizing the establishment of ten limited duration positions (5.80 FTE) for the Department of Education, Educator Advancement Council, in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2022 legislative session to support the design and launch of the comprehensive educator professional learning system and to increase Regional Educator Network capacity grants.

The Council provides technical assistance and distributes non-competitive grants to enable professional learning opportunities for educators. Because of COVID-19 pandemic-related delays in operationalizing its ten Regional Educator Networks, the Council's grant-in-aid funds were significantly underspent in the 2019-21 biennium, leaving a carryforward balance in the Educator Advancement Fund. The Department proposes to use about \$1.7 million of this carryover balance to establish ten new limited-duration positions to implement statewide professional learning opportunities, and to use another \$3.5 million on a one-time basis to increase the capacity grants provided to the Regional Educator Networks for implementing professional learning programs for educators in the 2021-23 biennium.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.