

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 33: Department of Justice Child Support Enforcement Automated System

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Hansell

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Fund for the Child Support Enforcement Automated System, to the Department of Justice, on a one-time basis, \$883,366 General Fund and increase Federal Funds expenditures limitation by \$1,714,768, for the Division of Child Support and the Child Support Enforcement Automated System, with instruction that the Department of Justice report to the 2023 Legislature with a comprehensive plan, schedule, and budget that addresses all outstanding Child Support Enforcement Automated System issues, including the resolution of the federal Internal Revenue Service audit findings.

The Child Support Enforcement Automated System was implemented statewide in April of 2019 at a cost of \$140 million. After the implementation, a number of previously unidentified issues arose, including the need to refactor or replace some of the software code and the need to extend, for a second year, a vendor contract for external operations and maintenance support.

The subcommittee recommendation is to provide funding to extend vendor operations and maintenance support as well as provide initial funding for Independent Quality Management Services to begin the oversight of the refactoring project.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.