

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2166 Relating to education equity

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

HB 2166 provides policy and budget resources for multiple education equity initiatives.

This bill includes four major initiatives:

- 1) It establishes an Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention program providing resources to assist families and providers to prevent children from being taken out of early learning programs because of behavior or other issues. The Early Learning Division will develop and implement this program. A total of \$5.8 million General Fund is appropriated for this program but all but \$636, 609 is unscheduled until the Division presents a more defined plan for implementation.
- 2) The Department of Education is to propose social and emotional learning standards and framework for adoption by the State Board of Education. The position authority and funding is included in the agency budget.
- 3) The Teachers Standards and Practices Commission or TSPC is to establish standards for nontraditional pathways to licensure for educators. Funding for two TSPC positions to begin the development of the pathways is provided in the bill. TSPC and the Educator Advancement Council may return to the February session to request funding for implementation of the pathways from existing EAC resources or General Fund.
- 4) A new grant program is established for eligible public charter school based on based on eligibility criteria including share of students who have historically experienced academic disparities. Funding is provided from a \$2 million expenditure limitation for resources from the Statewide Education Initiative Account.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2166 be amended by the –A12 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.