

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 4005

Relating to early childhood

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

HB 4005 modifies a number of statutory provisions and regulatory responsibilities of the Early Learning Division that were established in prior legislation, including House Bill 3073 and Senate Bill 236 in the 2021 session. Many of the changes in House Bill 4005 are administrative changes to establish rule proceedings, extend deadlines, clarify information sharing responsibilities, correct statutory references or strengthen the statutory provisions that guide service delivery within the early learning system. The majority of these provisions do not have a direct budgetary impact to either the Department of Education or the Department of Human Services (ODHS), but are needed to improve oversight, enhance program administration, and facilitate the successful establishment of the new Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) and the transfer of the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program from ODHS.

House Bill 4005 contains two policy changes that have a General Fund budget impact. The -A3 amendment funds an increase in subsidy rates for the ERDC program that starts in June 2022 with \$26.6 million General Fund for the ODHS budget; and provides \$1.2 million General Fund to the Department of Education for the transition of the license-exempt background check function from ODHS to the Early Learning Division.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 4005 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.