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To: Education Subcommittee

From: Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 23, 2022

Subject: SB 1547 – Relating to children
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1547 A requires personnel associated with recorded programs for preschool and school-age children to enroll in the Central Background Registry (CBR) maintained by the Office of Child Care, as are other personnel in the early learning system who interact with children. The measure results from a Secretary of State audit conducted in 2020 that reviewed the child care background check process and found a gap in oversight for recorded programs across the state. The measure also clarifies the applicability of secure transport regulations established by SB 710 (2021) to exempt ambulances and other travel that was captured inadvertently, to close loopholes, and to authorize enforcement of secure transport regulations by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A4 amendment, which appropriates \$1,224,860 to the Department of Education to enroll staff and volunteers of pre-school and school-aged recorded programs in the Central Background Registry at no cost to the program or the individual requiring the background check.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 1547, as amended by the -A4 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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