

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SB 1547 Relating to children**

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

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SB 1547 requires personnel associated with recorded programs for preschool and school-age children to enroll in the Central Background Registry 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 across state agencies and found a gap in oversight for recorded programs. 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).

The -A4 amendment appropriates \$1,224,850 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.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 1547 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.