

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **Item 10: Department of Education Pandemic Relief**

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To: Emergency Board  
From: Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Campos

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The Human Services Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Education for increased Federal Funds expenditure limitation to expend the remaining pandemic relief funds.

The Department received over \$1.8 billion of federal one-time emergency school funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the funding was distributed to local education agencies as reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred before September 30, 2024.

The local education agencies submitted fewer claims for reimbursement during the 2021-23 biennium than anticipated, leaving the Department with additional federal revenue available in the current biennium, beyond the limitation included in the Department's 2023-25 legislatively approved budget.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Education by \$178,319,008 to expend the remaining federal pandemic funds.