

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Justice Child Support Enforcement Automated System

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Lewis

On March 2nd, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Justice on the Child Support Enforcement Automated System.

DOJ was instructed by the Emergency Board in September of 2022 to report to the Legislature with a comprehensive plan, schedule, and budget that addresses all outstanding issues with the system, including the resolution of IRS audit findings.

The system was implemented statewide in April of 2019 at a cost of \$140 million. After the implementation, several previously unidentified issues arose, including:

- the need to refactor or replace some of the software code;
- the need to extend a vendor contract for operations and maintenance support;
and
- a delay moving the hosting of the system from a private vendor to the State Data Center.

The department's current plan includes updating the software code during the 2023-25 biennium. An existing vendor contract for operations and maintenance support has been extended. The re-hosting of system to another site has been delayed until the 2025-27 biennium.

The total cost of the department's plan for the 2023-25 biennium is \$5.6 million General Fund and \$10.8 million in matching Federal Funds for a total cost of \$16.4 million.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.