

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 5: Department of Education SSF Modernization

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

The Education Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Education on Independent Quality Management Services for the State School Fund modernization project.

The State School Fund system is a mission-critical data and information technology system that gathers, stores, calculates, and processes State School Fund payments to school districts and education service districts. The Department of Education received funding in its appropriation measure to start developing a replacement system; however, the initial cost estimates did not include Independent Quality Management Services to provide an independent review of project documentation, risk assessments, and project oversight.

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend appropriating \$468,750 General Fund to the Department of Education in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session to fund Independent Quality Management Services for the State School Fund modernization project.