

## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

### **Mental Health Regulatory Agency and Board of Licensed Social Workers Licensing Database Progress Report**

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

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On February 3rd, the Education Subcommittee received a report from the Mental Health Regulatory Agency and Board of Licensed Social Workers regarding the progress of acquiring a new licensing database.

Both agencies have worked alongside the Department of Administrative Services' Statewide Procurement Services, which plans to release an enterprise-wide request for proposal that should result in one or more licensing system vendors to be placed on a statewide pricing agreement. Request for proposal awards are anticipated to occur by May 2026.

Once the Mental Health Regulatory Agency and Board of Licensed Social Workers have selected an eligible vendor, they will be able to determine the scope, schedule, and cost of implementation, including if the agencies will be able to fully fund the acquisition, implementation, ongoing operations, and maintenance of the new licensing database system within current resources.

The Education Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report, with the instruction that the Mental Health Regulatory Agency and Board of Licensed Social Workers report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2027 legislative session with an update on the status of acquiring and implementing a new licensing database.