

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **SB 1535**

### **Relating to child care**

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

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SB 1535 modifies the Employment Related Day Care subsidy program to allow the Department of Early Learning and Care to manage caseloads in accordance with its budget.

Current statute requires the agency to allow all families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program assistance to bypass the Employment Related Day Care waitlist. However, the agency's budget cannot sustain the current rate of caseload increase. Changing this requirement will enable the agency to stay within budget by temporarily pausing the waitlist bypass if needed to help control caseload growth.

SB 1535 also directs the agency to convene a work group to study the cost and availability of liability insurance, as well as other liability issues affecting childcare providers.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 1535 be reported out do pass.