

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Education Grant Consolidation**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Education Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative McLain

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On February 7th, the Education Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Education on grant consolidation.

The Department of Education manages a \$4.8 billion dollar grant portfolio of more than 100 grant programs. In response to a budget note from the 2019 session, the Department reported on its efforts to consolidate grant programs and streamline grant processes that have grown in number and complexity over the past ten years. Acknowledging the difficulty in consolidating grant programs that each have supporters, advocates, and beneficiaries, the Department nevertheless identified a number of practical actions it can take to improve grantee experience, including developing integrated grant applications, reducing redundancies in data and information requirements, and developing common standards and practices for community engagement across grant programs. Some recommended actions are already underway, including plans to replace the agency's current electronic grants management system, and adding more procurement staff to process grants, contracts, and intergovernmental agreements in a timely way.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval.