

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Education School Funding Transparency

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

On February 14th, the Education Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Education on school funding transparency.

A budget note in the 2023-25 primary budget bill directed the Department of Education to take a fresh look at the different ways its school and district-level financial data could be made publicly available on a website in a searchable, user-friendly format. The Department contacted other states about their data displays, got recommendations from Georgetown University, and worked internally to develop a plan for displaying all of the agency's data, including student outcome data, in a consistent, user-friendly format. The Subcommittee heard from the Department about steps it has already taken to make school district expenditure data available, actions it plans to take to create a consistent set of data displays for all agency programs, and the resources it will need to do so.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval.