

House of Representatives, March 31, 1998. The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. KEELEY, 125th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THE HUSKY PLAN FOR CHILDREN WHO NEED INTENSIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, in  
2 conjunction with the Commissioner of Public Health  
3 and the Insurance Commissioner, shall study the  
4 feasibility of providing health insurance coverage  
5 under the HUSKY Plan, Part B for children who need  
6 intensive medical treatment due to a catastrophic  
7 medical illness or injury.

8 (b) Not later than January 1, 1999, the  
9 Commissioner of Social Services shall submit a  
10 report on his findings and recommendations to the  
11 joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
12 having cognizance of matters relating to human  
13 services, public health and insurance, in  
14 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
15 the general statutes.

16 HS COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 16 NAY 0 JFS

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5577**

STATE IMPACT	Minimal Cost, Within Anticipated Budgetary Resources, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Departments of Social Services, Insurance, and Public Health

**EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:**

This bill requires the Commissioners of Social Services, Public Health and Insurance to conduct a feasibility study on extending the services offered under the HUSKY, Part B plan. This extension of services would cover children who need intensive medical treatment due to a catastrophic medical illness or injury. The Commissioner of DSS must submit a report of its findings to the General Assembly by January 1, 1999. The requirements of this bill will result in a minimal additional administrative cost to the three departments involved. It is anticipated that these departments can absorb the increased costs within their budgeted resources.

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**OLR BILL ANALYSIS**

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