

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2599

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As Passed Senate, March 3, 2020

**Title:** An act relating to services for children with multiple handicaps.

**Brief Description:** Concerning services for children with multiple handicaps.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Eslick, Kilduff, Doglio and Leavitt; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/18/20, 96-0.

**Committee Activity:** Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation: 2/26/20 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed Senate: 3/03/20, 49-0.

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Repeals the Services for Children with Multiple Handicaps Program.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, REENTRY & REHABILITATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Darneille, Chair; Nguyen, Vice Chair; Walsh, Ranking Member; Cleveland, O'Ban, Wilson, C. and Zeiger.

**Staff:** Alison Mendiola (786-7488)

**Background:** In 1980, the Services for Children with Multiple Handicaps Program was created with the goal of better serving children living with multiple disabilities, including acute medical needs. This program was never implemented.

The Medically Intensive Children's Program (MICP) provides skilled nursing services to children ages 17 and younger. These children have complex medical needs requiring a registered nurse to provide support. Nursing services may be provided in the family home, foster home, contracted medically intensive children's group, and staffed residential homes.

Eligibility requirements for MICP include the child:

- be age 17 or younger;

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- have complex medical needs, such as ventilator dependency or tracheostomy care;
- be enrolled in Washington Apple Health under the categorically needy scope of care; and
- require at least four hours of continuous skilled nursing care per day.

**Summary of Bill:** The Services for Children with Multiple Handicaps Program is repealed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This is a simple, easy technical clean up bill that will alleviate confusion by stakeholders and those seeking services for their children.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Carolyn Eslick, Prime Sponsor; Deborah Roberts, DSHS/DDA.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.