

3026-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer and Cooke)

Brief Title: Creating the children's health initiative program.

**HB 3026-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to create the children's health insurance program, the benefits of which are not an entitlement, to provide health care to children who do not have access to medical assistance and are not insured at the time of enrollment.

Provides, however, if Washington state is not permitted, by January 1, 1999, to expend funds authorized by the state children's health insurance program, the children's health initiative program shall be terminated on January 1, 1999, and children's medicaid coverage shall be limited to needy children with household income less than two hundred percent of the federal poverty level as currently provided pursuant to chapter 74.09 RCW.