

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5297

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As of January 31, 2005

**Title:** An act relating to a unique identifying number for each child eligible for state-subsidized child care.

**Brief Description:** Requiring a unique identifying number for each child eligible for state-subsidized child care.

**Sponsors:** Senator Mulliken.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Human Services & Corrections: 1/24/05.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

**Staff:** Edith Rice (786-7444)

**Background:** Poor or inaccurate documentation of information provided to the Division of Child Care Licensing and the Community Services Division in the Department of Social and Health Services has caused concerns regarding the accuracy of payment records involving state-subsidized child care providers.

**Summary of Bill:** Children receiving state-subsidized child care will have a unique identifying number assigned to them to track attendance and state payments. The number used cannot be his or her social security number.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 21, 2005.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**With Concerns:** The fiscal impact to provide an identification number for each child could be significant. We are concerned about this impact.

**Who Testified:** CONCERNS: Rachel Langen, Dept. of Social & Health Services (DSHS), Division of Child Care & Early Learning; Mike Tornquist, DSHS, Children's Administration.