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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 182

#### AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules  
on February 11, 1998)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Cantor)

*Requesting the Department of Medical Assistance Services to study the methods for and feasibility of developing a waiver for children with physical disabilities that is separate from current Department of Medical Assistance Services waivers.*

WHEREAS, the severe disability of a child presents financial, emotional, and social pressures on parents as they seek to provide needed care and defray medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth and its residents to encourage family stability and to avoid institutionalization of disabled children; and

WHEREAS, such institutionalization deprives the child of parental care and attention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Medical Assistance Services be requested to study the methods for and feasibility of developing a waiver for children with physical disabilities that is separate from current Department of Medical Assistance Services waivers. The Department shall also examine methods for allowing parents as much control as possible in the care of their children.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department for this study, upon request.

The Department of Medical Assistance Services shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1999 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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