

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES  
2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) BILL SUMMARY**

**Bill No:** H1257

**Title:** AN ACT RELATIVE TO ENSURING TREATMENT FOR GENETIC CRANIOFACIAL CONDITIONS

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Paul McMurtry (*Dedham*), Brian Murray (*Milford*)

**Hearing Date:** October 27, 2025

**Reporting Deadline:** December 3, 2025

**Prior History:**

2023-24 (H1093): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Ordered to a House Study

2023-24 (S615): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Reported favorably; SWM

2021-22 (H1153, H1208, 1214): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Reported favorably; SWM; No further action taken.

2019-20 (H1116, H988, H1036, H1050): Ordered to a House Study

2017-18 (H581): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Reported favorably; HWM; No further action taken

2015-16 (H953): Reported favorably; Referred to Health Care Financing; Reported favorably; HWM; House Steering, Policy & Scheduling; No further action taken

**Similar Matters:** S712 (Cyr)

**CURRENT LAW:**

*M.G.L. c. 32A Contributory Group General or Blanket Insurance for Persons in the Service of the Commonwealth (Group Insurance Commission)*

*M.G.L. c. 118E Division of Medical Assistance (MassHealth)*

*M.G.L. c. 175 Insurance § 47C Dependent coverage for newborn infants or adoptive children; inclusion in policies of accident and sickness insurance*

Health insurance coverage for newly born infants and adoptive children will include coverage of injury or sickness including the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities.

*M.G.L. c. 176A Non-Profit Hospital Service Corporations § 8B: Dependent coverage for newborn infants or adoptive children; inclusion in contracts*

Blue Cross policies will provide benefits for expense arising from illness, injury, congenital

malformation, or premature birth.

*M.G.L. c. 176B Medical Service Corporations § 4C Dependent coverage for newborn infants or adoptive children; inclusion of medical expenses as benefits*

Blue Shield policies will provide benefits for expense arising from illness, injury, congenital malformation, or premature birth.

*M.G.L. c. 176G Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)*

**SUMMARY:**

The Group Insurance Commission, MassHealth, and commercial insurers, will provide coverage on a non-discriminatory basis for medically necessary functional repair or restoration of craniofacial disorders, ectodermal dysplasia, dentinogenesis imperfecta and amelogenesis imperfecta.