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Subject: Provides relative to lead poisoning prevention	Analyst: Anthony Shamis

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR +\$1,129,042 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides relative to lead poisoning prevention. (8/1/26)

Proposed law modifies present law relative to lead poisoning prevention by consolidating provisions contained in both Title 30 under the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Title 40 under the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Proposed law establishes the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program within the LDH Office of Public Health and provides for requirements. Proposed law retains present law requiring early learning centers, schools with prekindergarten programs, and public and nonpublic elementary schools built prior to 1978 to submit lead testing results to the department as a requirement for obtaining approval for occupancy from the department. Proposed law requires the state health officer to define test results which are positive for the presence of lead and requires healthcare providers to report to the state health officer when any person seen by a provider has blood test results that are positive for the presence of lead. Proposed law requires the state health officer to provide protocols for detecting sources of lead poisoning. Proposed law prohibits the sale of lead-based paint. Effective August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$1,129,042	\$1,251,468	\$1,257,553	\$1,263,759	\$1,270,089	\$6,171,911
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGF expenditures by \$1.1 M in FY 27 for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Public Health (OPH). This amount includes \$243,893 for the addition of three (3) T.O. positions and one part time When Actually Employed (WAE) position for nine months, \$10,650 in associated operating expenses, as well as \$4,063 for equipment costs related to the lead poisoning prevention and control program established under this measure. In addition, implementation of this measure will require \$870,436 in professional services expenses, including \$250,436 for a staffing contract with environmental health professionals and \$620,000 to contract with certified lead risk assessors to carry out lead hazard assessments.

Personnel Costs (\$243,893 SGF):

LDH reports that salary and related benefits associated with the addition of three (3) T.O. positions, including one (1) Program Monitor that will serve as the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Lead, one (1) Public Health Epidemiologist Specialist that will serve as a surveillance epidemiologist, and one (1) Environmental Health Scientist Coordinator that will serve as a case manager. In addition to the T.O. positions, one (1) Environmental Health Scientist 1 WAE will provide data entry and analytical support. All positions are prorated for nine months in FY 27, assuming a start date of 10/01/26. Salaries are annualized for 12 months and a 2% annual growth factor is applied to FY 28 and subsequent fiscal years.

Operating Expenses (\$10,650 SGF):

Operating expenses include \$750 for travel, \$6,000 for printing and mailing of outreach materials, \$1,500 for software, and \$2,400 for lead investigation and risk assessor training. \$600 is estimated for the annual lead risk assessor refresher course in FY 28 and subsequent fiscal years. A 2% annual growth factor is applied beginning in FY 28.

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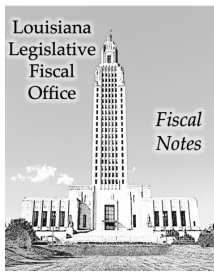
REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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Professional Services (\$870,436 SGF):

Professional services contracts, include \$250,436 for a staffing contract with environmental health professionals, \$360,000 to contract with certified lead risk assessors to carry out approximately 120 lead hazard assessments at \$3,000 each at childcare facilities, and \$260,000 to carry out approximately 40 lead hazard assessments at \$6,500 each.

Equipment Costs (\$4,063):

Equipment costs are for computer leases.

LDH reports that this fiscal impact assumes OPH will not receive continued funding through its Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant, which currently supports a portion of Lead Prevention Program costs within OPH, upon expiration on September 29, 2026. Should a new Notice of Award (NOA) be received during the legislative session, this fiscal note will be revised to reflect the updated availability of federal funding.

Note: The LFO is unable to corroborate the estimated staffing level, operating expenses, professional services, and equipment costs projected by LDH. While the LFO acknowledges that proposed law will result in increased workload for LDH, to the extent the required staffing levels may be lower or higher, corresponding operating costs would shift accordingly. To the extent that a portion or all of the prescribed duties can be absorbed by existing staff and resources, a portion of the projected costs may be mitigated. Should additional information regarding estimated expenditures become available, this fiscal note will be updated.

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