

FISCAL NOTE

July 14, 2020

Bill No:	House Bill 79	Printer's No:	PN 2935	Sponsor:	Isaacson (D)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2019-20	2020-21
General Fund	\$0	\$2.039M

SUMMARY: House Bill 79 is a freestanding Act known as the Childhood Blood Lead Test Act. This bill requires health care providers to make reasonable efforts to ensure the testing of all children within this commonwealth and one and two years of age for the presence of lead.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 79 requires the Department of Health to conduct a public information campaign to inform parents of young children, physicians, nurses and other health care providers of the lead testing requirements. The department must also distribute literature about insurance coverage for testing and, childhood lead poisoning and prevention, which must be culturally and linguistically appropriate. Finally, the department is expected to develop an electronic statewide registry that will provide for the confidential storage and management of blood lead testing information and they can, if they so choose, promulgate rules and regulations.

This act shall take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Health is estimating \$1,800,000 to develop the blood lead registry. This proposal requires the department staff to input the results into the surveillance system. Therefore, \$239,367.80 would be necessary for personnel and equipment costs.

COSTS	CURRENT FY	NEXT FY
<i>Personnel</i>		
Clerk Typist (2)	\$0	\$ 130,358
Community Health Nurse (1)	\$0	\$ 103,460
Personal Computers (3)	\$0	\$ 3,900
Telephones (3)	\$0	\$ 750
Chairs (3)	\$0	\$ 900
<i>Infrastructure</i>		
Registry Development	\$0	\$ 1,800,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$ 2,039,368