

Fiscal Analysis

CREATE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMISSION



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 5118 (H-1) as reported by Committee, Rep. Chris Kolb**

House Committee Health Policy

Analysis

Summary

House Bill 5118 (H-1) amends Part 54A of the Public Health Code regarding Lead Abatement. The bill provides that the Governor shall establish a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission within the Department of Community Health, which may be a coalition or existing organization. The bill establishes the charge of the Commission, and requires that the Commission hold at least 2 public hearings, and make strategic recommendations in a written report by January 1, 2005. The bill establishes that the Commission continue to monitor the program, and report annually. The bill repeals the language effective January 1, 2010.

The bill is similar to Senate Bill 753 as passed by the Senate.

Fiscal Impact

There will be costs to the Department of Community Health (DCH) associated with the establishment, operations, and reporting of a new commission, with subsequent ongoing costs through January 1, 2010. Additional costs will depend on the ability of Commission to utilize existing departmental resources. Utilizing an existing organization or coalition may be less costly than establishing a new commission as some initial costs would be bypassed. The bill provides that members of the Commission serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses subject to appropriations.

As comparisons, for different legislation DCH estimated a cost of \$265,000 to establish a similarly formatted new commission responsible for addressing other issues over 12-18 months. The 1998-2000 Long-Term Care Work Group coordinated by DCH utilized existing staff, resources, and existing funds of approximately \$147,000 for contractual services.

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