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Senate Bill 753 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Martha G. Scott
Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Lead Abatement Act (Part 54A of the Public Health Code) to require the Governor, within 30 days of the bill's effective date, to establish a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission within the Department of Community Health (DCH). The Commission would consist of nine voting members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Commission would have to study the environmental threats of lead poisoning to children's health; review the State's lead poisoning prevention program; evaluate the program's effectiveness, including its ability to satisfy Federal law requirements that 100% of all young children enrolled in Medicaid be screened with a blood lead test; and make recommendations for the program's improvement.

The Commission also would have to develop short- and long-range recommendations for childhood lead poisoning prevention and control in Michigan, and would have to submit a report of its findings, including its recommendations, to the Governor and the Legislature by March 31, 2004. A DCH representative would have to provide testimony summarizing the findings and recommendations to the Senate and House standing committees with jurisdiction over public health and children's issues.

The Commission could establish an advisory committee.

The proposed section establishing the Commission would be repealed 18 months after the bill's effective date.

Proposed MCL 333.5474a

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate, but likely nominal, fiscal impact on State government. The Department of Community Health states that costs associated with implementing the bill could be covered with existing staff and resources. In addition, the bill would allow members of the Commission to receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses while performing official commission business, subject to appropriations for that purpose.

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