

6273-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Fraser, Winsley, Thibaudeau, Patterson, Costa, Fairley, Brown, Wojahn and Kline)

Brief Description: Creating a public health education program aimed at reducing childhood exposure to lead in residential settings.

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Finds that public health hazards associated with environmental lead exposure represent a significant and preventable public health problem. Lead negatively affects every system of the body. It is harmful to individuals of all ages and is especially harmful to children, fetuses, and adults of child-bearing age.

Directs the department of health to implement a public health education program aimed at reducing childhood exposure to lead in residential settings. The program will continue the current efforts of the department to identify areas around the state where lead exposure poses a threat to children and families, and will provide information, education, and training to areas of concern.