



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1038***

LCO No. 3126

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:

(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR LEAD ACTION FOR MEDICAID  
PRIMARY PREVENTION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) For purposes of this section:

2 (1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
3 Management; and

4 (2) "Eligible child" means a child who (A) is eligible for the federal  
5 Medicaid program, (B) is less than six years of age as of July 1, 2001,  
6 (C) resides in a building built prior to 1978 and (D) has a venous  
7 blood-lead level of more than ten but less than nineteen micrograms  
8 per deciliter of blood.

9 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
10 establish a pilot program in selected municipalities to protect eligible  
11 children from the neurological and developmental risks of lead. The  
12 pilot program shall include environmental assessments, education,  
13 and interim lead intervention, including window repair and  
14 replacement.

15 (c) On or before February 1, 2002, each grantee shall submit a report  
16 on the pilot program to the secretary, the Commissioner of Public  
17 Health, the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
18 cognizance of matters relating to public health and to human services  
19 and to the select committee of the General Assembly on housing. Such  
20 report shall include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot  
21 program in reducing lead paint hazards to prevent further negative  
22 effects of lead paint on eligible children.

23 Sec. 2. The sum of five hundred fifty thousand dollars is  
24 appropriated to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
25 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, for the  
26 pilot program established under section 1 of this act.

27 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide funds for a pilot program to reduce lead levels in children eligible for Medicaid.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*