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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR LEAD POISONING PREVENTION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-111j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) The Department of Public Health shall, within available
4 appropriations, establish and administer a program of financial
5 assistance to local health departments for expenses incurred in
6 complying with this section and the applicable provisions of sections
7 19a-110, 19a-111a, 19a-206, 47a-52 and 47a-54f. [The Commissioner of
8 Public Health may adopt, in accordance with chapter 54, such
9 regulations as the commissioner deems necessary to carry out the
10 purposes of this section.] Local health departments shall use the funds
11 disbursed through the program for lead poisoning prevention and
12 control services as described in subsection (b) of this section and other
13 lead poisoning prevention and control purposes approved by the
14 Department of Public Health.

15 (b) To be eligible to receive program funding from the Department

16 of Public Health, a local health department shall administer a local
17 lead poisoning prevention and control program approved by the
18 department. Such program shall include, but need not be limited to: (1)
19 Case management services; (2) lead poisoning educational services; (3)
20 environmental health services; (4) health education services, including,
21 but not limited to, education concerning proper nutrition for good
22 health and the prevention of lead poisoning; and (5) participation in
23 the Department of Public Health's system for the collection, tabulation,
24 analysis and reporting of lead poisoning prevention and control
25 statistics.

26 (c) A local health department may directly provide lead poisoning
27 prevention and control services within its geographic coverage area or
28 may contract for the provision of such services. A local health
29 department's case management services shall include medical,
30 behavioral, epidemiological and environmental intervention strategies
31 for each child having one confirmed blood lead level that is equal to, or
32 greater than, twenty micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood or two
33 confirmed blood lead levels, collected from samples taken not less than
34 three months apart, that are equal to, or greater than, fifteen
35 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood but less than twenty
36 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood. A local health department
37 shall initiate case management services for such child not later than
38 five business days after the local health department receives the results
39 of a test confirming that the child has a blood lead level as described in
40 this subsection.

41 (d) A local health department's educational services shall include
42 the distribution of educational materials concerning lead poisoning
43 prevention to the parent, legal guardian and the appropriate health
44 care provider for each child with a confirmed blood lead level equal to,
45 or greater than, ten micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood. The
46 Department of Public Health shall approve such educational materials
47 before the local health department distributes such materials.

48 (e) The Department of Public Health shall disburse program funds
49 to the local health department on an annual basis. After approving a
50 local health department's application for program funding, the
51 funding period shall begin on July first each year. The amount of such
52 funding shall be determined by the Department of Public Health based
53 on the number of confirmed childhood lead poisoning cases reported
54 in the local health department's geographic coverage area during the
55 previous calendar year. The director of any local health department
56 that applies for program funding shall submit, not later than
57 September thirtieth, annually, to the Department of Public Health a
58 report concerning the local health department's lead poisoning and
59 prevention control program. Such report shall contain: (1) A proposed
60 budget for the expenditure of program funds for the new fiscal year;
61 (2) a summary of planned program activities for the new fiscal year;
62 and (3) a summary of program expenditures, services provided and
63 operational activities during the previous fiscal year. The Department
64 of Public Health shall approve a local health department's proposed
65 budget prior to disbursing program funds to the local health
66 department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	19a-111j

Statement of Purpose:

To describe the administration of the Department of Public Health's lead poisoning prevention and control program.

[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.]