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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5394  
FILE NUMBER:  
AMENDMENTS: House "A"

TITLE: "AN ACT EXPANDING THE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Public Health, Appropriations, Government Administration and Elections

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5394

STATE IMPACT	Potential Significant Future Cost, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Cost, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Health Services

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: Passage of this bill as amended will result in a potential significant future State cost. It establishes a Lead Poisoning Prevention Task Force, which shall issue a report by January 6, 1993. The report must include recommendations of potential sites for treatment centers, and a plan to provide lead safe housing to all residents of the State by a certain unspecified date. To the extent that this results in pressure to provide State funding to implement these plans a significant future State cost may ensue. Any costs may be offset by the receipt of additional federal abatement funds identified by the Task Force and subsequently accessed by the State.

No fiscal impact is expected to ensue to the State from reducing the reportable blood lead level from .025 milligrams per 100 grams to 10 micrograms per deciliter. It is anticipated that the Department of Health Services (DOHS) will be able to receive and process additional reports within available resources.

No SFY 1992-93 cost is associated with Section 3 of the bill as amended which allows the DOHS to establish two regional lead poisoning treatment centers, within available appropriations. No funding has been included within SHB 5100, (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) for treatment centers. It is anticipated that the decision of the Commissioner to engage this authority shall be contingent upon the General Assembly earmarking General Fund support for this purpose within some future Appropriations Act. Therefore, while adoption of the

bill as amended may prompt future State expenditures, no cost is implied from its passage.

House "A made the authority to establish the treatment centers discretionary instead of mandatory. This resulted in a significant cost savings from the original bill. It also lowered the reportable blood level from 15 to 10 micrograms per deciliter. No fiscal impact is associated with this change.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: A potential cost exists for municipalities to the extent that increased reporting may result in additional investigative costs. These potential costs would be dependent upon the additional number of reports made, which cannot be predicted at this time.