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HEALTH DEPARTMENT EG +\$1,205,479 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2  
 Provides relative to lead poisoning prevention. (8/1/26)

Proposed law modifies present law relative to lead poisoning prevention by consolidating provisions contained in both Title 30 under the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Title 40 under the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Proposed law establishes the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program within the LDH Office of Public Health and provides for requirements. Proposed law requires every early learning center and school with a prekindergarten program that was built prior to 1978 to have a lead risk assessment performed by a certified lead risk assessor and submit the results to the department as a requirement for obtaining any departmental approval of plans and specifications. Proposed law requires the state health officer to define test results which are positive for the presence of lead and requires healthcare providers to report all test results for lead hazards. Proposed law requires the state health officer to provide protocols for detecting sources of lead poisoning. Proposed law requires lead risk assessments to include painted surfaces of the building, dust, water and soil. Proposed law requires LDH to provide owners or operators with a list developed by the Department of Environmental Quality of persons approved or licensed to conduct non-drinking water lead testing. Proposed law prohibits the sale of lead-based paint. Effective August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$1,205,479	\$1,589,053	\$1,734,998	\$1,762,671	\$1,790,897	\$8,083,098
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$55,952	\$55,952	\$55,952	\$55,952	\$55,952	\$279,760
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$1,261,431</b>	<b>\$1,645,005</b>	<b>\$1,790,950</b>	<b>\$1,818,623</b>	<b>\$1,846,849</b>	<b>\$8,362,858</b>

  

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is anticipated to increase expenditures by \$1.3 M in FY 27 for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Public Health (OPH). This amount includes \$1,031,663 for the addition of nine (9) T.O. positions for nine months, \$14,052 in associated operating expenses, and \$16,658 for equipment costs related to the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program established under this measure. In addition, implementation will require \$55,952 in other charges expenditures for testing of water samples and \$143,106 in professional services expenses for a staffing contract with environmental health professionals to operationalize and monitor the new components of the program.

**Personnel Costs (\$1,031,663 SGF):**

LDH reports that salary and related benefits are associated with the addition of nine (9) T.O. positions, including two (2) Program Monitors, five (5) Sanitarian 4 positions, one (1) Sanitarian 7 position, and one (1) Environmental Health Scientist Coordinator at midpoint civil service salary to administer the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program. All positions are prorated for nine months in FY 27, assuming a start date of 10/01/26. Salaries are annualized for 12 months, and a 2% annual growth factor is applied beginning in FY 28 and for subsequent fiscal years.

Additionally, beginning in FY 28, LDH anticipates the need for 3.5 additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, including one (1) Program Monitor, one (1) Public Health Epidemiologist Specialist, one (1) Environmental Health Scientist Coordinator, and one (1) 50% FTE Environmental Health Scientist 1 when actually employed (WAE) position funded through SGF. This need is based on the assumption that OPH will not receive continued funding through its Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant, which currently supports a portion of Lead Prevention Program costs within OPH, upon expiration on 09/29/26.

**Operating Expenses (\$14,052 SGF):**

Operating expenses include \$13,200 for lead investigation and risk assessor training and \$852 for rulemaking required to update the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program chapter to reflect required changes. For FY 28 and subsequent fiscal years, LDH estimates total operating expenses of \$8,850, including \$750 for routine in-state travel, \$6,000 for printing and mailing of outreach materials, \$1,500 for software, and \$600 for training maintenance.

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**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. OPH already collects Safe Drinking Water fees, and total collections are not anticipated to increase as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
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 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
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Professional Services (\$143,106 SGF):

Professional services expenditures are for a staffing contract with two environmental health professionals, including one (1) Environmental Health Scientist Coordinator and one (1) Environmental Health Scientist 1, to operationalize and monitor the new components of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. For FY 28 and subsequent fiscal years, expenditures are projected to increase to \$186,212 annually for the addition of two positions to the staffing contract, including one (1) Health Communications Specialist and one (1) Environmental Health Scientist. Expenditures are prorated for nine months in FY 28, as these positions are currently funded under the CDC grant through 09/29/26.

Equipment Costs (\$16,658 SGF):

Equipment costs are for computer leases. The FY 27 estimate is based on 11 computer leases for nine (9) T.O. positions and two staffing contract positions. For FY 28 and subsequent fiscal years, LDH estimates \$29,104 for 17 computer leases, including 3.5 additional FTE positions and two additional staffing contract positions.

Other Charges (\$55,952 SGR - Safe Drinking Water fees):

Other charges expenditures are associated with the testing of water samples. Estimated annual expenditures are based on collecting samples from 20% of schools and daycares, which equates to 1,467 samples from 293 schools and 685 samples from 343 daycares at \$26 per sample (2,152 x \$26 = \$55,952).

LDH reports that this fiscal impact assumes OPH will not receive continued funding through its CDC grant, which currently supports a portion of Lead Prevention Program costs within OPH, upon expiration on 09/29/26. Should a new Notice of Award (NOA) be received during the legislative session, this fiscal note will be revised to reflect the updated availability of federal funding.

NOTE: The LFO is unable to corroborate the estimated staffing level, operating expenses, professional services, equipment, and other charges costs projected by LDH. While the LFO acknowledges that proposed law will result in increased workload for LDH, to the extent the required staffing levels may be lower or higher, corresponding operating costs would shift accordingly. To the extent that a portion or all of the prescribed duties can be absorbed by existing staff and resources, a portion of the projected costs may be mitigated. Should additional information regarding estimated expenditures become available, this fiscal note will be updated.

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