



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Make the State's Standard for Lead Exposure in Children Consistent with the Federal Standard

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Volk of Cumberland

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,179,575	\$1,299,298	\$1,172,535	\$1,129,230
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will require General Fund appropriations of \$1,179,575 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$1,299,298 in fiscal year 2016-17 to hire 8 Environmental Specialist III positions, 4 permanent and 4 limited period, to review inspections, issue orders to abate, track to make sure abatements occur and work with families on interim controls to reduce hazards until the abatement is complete. It also provides funding for contracted lead inspections.

Current trends suggest that the number of cases of children with a confirmed blood lead level of 5 to 9 ug/dL could decrease by half every 6-7 years. Based on this trend, DHHS estimates needing 4 permanent positions and 4 Limited Period positions for the first 2 years and three Limited Period positions for years 3 and 4. Also, the contracted inspections will decrease each year.