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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 731, L.D. 976, Bill, “An Act To Require Additional Lead Screening for Children”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1315, sub-§5-C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. LLLL, §1, is further amended to read:

5-C. Lead poisoning. "Lead poisoning" means a confirmed elevated level of blood lead ~~that is injurious, as defined in rules adopted by the department using reference levels no higher than the 97.5th percentile of blood lead levels in children established by a national health and nutrition examination survey adopted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention~~ that is equal to or exceeds 5 micrograms per deciliter.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1330 is enacted to read:

§1330. Report

The department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters whenever the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention adopts a new blood lead reference level based on the 97.5th percentile of blood lead levels in children established by a national health and nutrition examination survey.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, replaces the bill. It changes the definition of "lead poisoning" in the Lead Poisoning Control Act to mean a confirmed elevated level of blood lead that is equal to or exceeds 5 micrograms per deciliter. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report to the

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
2 services matters when the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for
3 Disease Control and Prevention changes the reference level at which it recommends
4 public health actions be taken with respect to blood lead levels in children.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 **(See attached)**