



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 485
SPONSOR:	Representative Lambert
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor. Upon signature, this Act becomes effective 180 days after enactment into law.
2. This Act requires the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and the Department of Education (DOE) to collaborate on the data collection, management, and access so that childcare facilities, public and private schools, and early intervention programs comply with blood lead testing and reporting.
3. This Act also defines the requirements for both a 12-month and a 24-month screening for children enrolled in childcare facilities, public and private schools, and early intervention programs, and requires making blood lead level data available to school nurses and special education coordinators.
4. The DHSS anticipates the need for additional staff support in order to monitor and manage the lead data and reporting required upon implementation of this Act. Associated costs are estimated as follows:
 - a. \$163,640 in annual personnel costs, including other employment costs, for 1.0 FTE, Social Service Administrator and 1.0 FTE Environmental Scientist III;
 - b. \$14,000 in annual operational costs including network costs, fleet services, supplies, etc.
 - c. \$2,800 in one-time start up costs associated with the new positions.
5. The DOE anticipates the need for additional staff and technology support in order to maintain a child-level enrollment system for childcare facilities for the approximately 60,000 children under the age of five and to meet the increased caseloads of childcare licensing staff to complete screening requirements for all children enrolled in childcare facilities. Associated costs are estimated as follows:
 - a. \$500,000 for a new data system (one-time);
 - b. \$100,000 for annual server and maintenance costs;
 - c. \$326,800 in annual personnel costs, including other employment costs, for 2.0 FTEs, Education Associates for Technology Operations, and;
 - d. \$253,900 in annual personnel costs, including other employment costs, for 2.0 FTEs, Child Care Licensing Specialists and 1.0 FTE, Child Care Licensing Supervisor.
6. Personnel costs are estimated at 6 months in the first year of implementation and annualized in future years. Personnel costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

	Ongoing	One-Time
Fiscal Year 2023:	\$486,170	\$502,800
Fiscal Year 2024:	\$873,507	
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$890,977	