152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 9**
SPONSOR:	**Senator S. McBride**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEAD-BASED PAINT.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature of the Governor; Section 2 of this Act will be implemented 120 days from the date of enactment.

2. The Act creates a system in which properties identified for lead-based paint, where a child is found with high blood lead levels, are treated to abate, or remediate the hazard. Additionally, this Act creates a dedicated fund, the Delaware Lead-based Paint Remediation and Abatement Fund, to support remediation efforts of lead-based paint hazards and costs associated with temporary displacement of occupants.

3. The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health (DPH), will be responsible for the Delaware State Lead-Based Paint Program (Program). The DPH will be responsible for notification, within ten days of determining a child's lead exposure, including the identification of the exposure site and the property owner, to the Program.

4. Within ten days of notification from DPH, the Program is responsible for notifying the parent or guardian of the exposed child and beginning the process to conduct a lead risk assessment of the exposure site. Subsequent action will be taken by the Program to address identified exposure, including abatement and remediation efforts.

5. DPH anticipates a need for inspection services to coordinate identification, notification, and collaboration with the Program. The Fiscal Year 2024 Governor's Recommended Budget allocates funding for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Program. Per the DPH, of this amount, $268,445 will be used to support lead-based paint inspection services, including an inspection contractor and an inspector to review risk assessments and abatement documents.

6. Additionally, the Fiscal Year 2024 Governor's Recommended One-Time Supplemental Bill recommends $2,000,000 for residential lead remediation, which will be used as the initial start-up for the Delaware Lead-based Paint Remediation and Abatement Fund, to address costs associated with residential lead remediation, including the identification of lead-based hazards, abatement, and the temporary displacement of residents.

Cost:

	Ongoing	One-Time
Fiscal Year 2024:	$268,445	$2,000,000
Fiscal Year 2025:	$268,445	
Fiscal Year 2026:	$268,445	

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