

1 **LEAD EXPOSURE EDUCATION AND TESTING**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2021 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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10 **LONG TITLE**

11 **General Description:**

12 This bill creates a program to increase testing and education regarding lead exposure for
13 children.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

16 ▶ creates a program within the Department of Health to increase education and testing
17 for lead exposure in children.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 ENACTS:

24 **26-10-15**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

26 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

27 Section 1. Section **26-10-15** is enacted to read:

28 **26-10-15. Lead exposure public education and testing.**

29 (1) The department shall establish a child blood lead epidemiology and surveillance
30 program to:

31 (a) encourage pediatric health care providers to include a lead test in accordance with
32 the department's recommendations under Subsection (2); and

33 (b) conduct a public education program to inform parents of children who are two
34 years old or younger regarding:

35 (i) the effects of lead exposure in children;

36 (ii) the availability of free screening and testing for lead exposure; and

37 (iii) other available preventative measures.

38 (2) The department may recommend consideration of screening and testing during the
39 first year or second year well child clinical visit.

40 (3) (a) The department shall provide the information described in Subsection (1) to
41 organizations that regularly provide care or services for children who are 5 years old or
42 younger.

43 (b) The department may work with the following organizations to share the
44 information described in Subsection (1):

45 (i) a child care program licensed under Title 26, Chapter 39, Utah Child Care Licensing
46 Act, and the employees of the child care program;

47 (ii) a health care facility licensed under Title 26, Chapter 21, Health Care Facility
48 Licensing and Inspection Act;

49 (iii) a person providing child care under a program that is described in Subsection
50 26-39-403(2);

51 (iv) an individual offering health education in a school district, including a school
52 nurse under Section 53G-9-204;

53 (v) a health care provider offering care to pregnant women and infants;

54 (vi) a religious, ecclesiastical, or denominational organization offering children's
55 programs as a part of worship services;

56 (vii) an organization that advocates for public education, testing, and screening of

57 children for lead exposure;

58 (viii) a local health department as defined in Section [26A-1-102](#); and

59 (ix) any other person that the department believes would advance public education
60 regarding the effects of lead exposure on children.

61 (4) The department shall seek grant funding to fund the program created in this section.