

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 85 (Delegate Hubbard)
Environmental Matters

Lead Functions - Transfer to Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

This bill transfers the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program from the Department of the Environment to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. This includes the transfer of lead poisoning staff, the Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund, the Lead Accreditation Fund, and federal funds for the functions of blood lead testing and reporting, lead poisoning prevention and case management, and accreditation of lead abatement services. The bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: There is no net State effect, since the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's FY 1998 budget would increase by \$2.4 million, while the Department of Environment's budget would decrease by an equal amount.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's fiscal 1998 budget would increase by an estimated \$2.4 million (\$0.5 million general funds, \$0.7 million special funds, and \$1.2 million federal funds), while the Department of Environment's budget would decrease by an equal amount. This estimate includes salaries and fringe benefits for 28 positions and ongoing operating expenses and reflects (1) the bill's July 1, 1997 effective date; and (2) the Department of Environment's fiscal 1996 budget.

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