

Senate Bill 247

SB 247, as amended by Division III of the House Finance Committee, dramatically expands protections of children from lead poisoning.

The major features of the bill are:

- ✓ A requirement that all children are tested for lead in their blood at ages 1 and 2 (subject to parental opt out).
- ✓ Lowers the amount of lead in a child's bloodstream that triggers notice from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to a landlord of the potential presence of a lead exposure hazard in her/his building.
- ✓ Lowers the amount of lead in a child's bloodstream that empowers DHHS to inspect the child's home and, if a lead exposure hazard is found, order the landlord to eliminate it.
- ✓ Establishes a \$6 Million loan guarantee program to assist homeowners and landlords to eliminate lead hazards.
- ✓ Requires insurance coverage for blood lead level testing of young children.
- ✓ Requires periodic testing of drinking water in schools and licensed child care facilities.

Protect our children from the dangers of lead poisoning!

Contact the members of the House Finance Committee and your local state representative - urge their support for SB 247.

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