

1 **LEAD EXPOSURE EDUCATION AND TESTING**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2021 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Stewart E. Barlow**

6 Senate Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

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

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ creates a program within the Department of Health to increase education and testing
15 for lead exposure in children; and

16 ▶ creates a restricted account to fund the activities of the program created in this bill.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20 None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 ENACTS:

23 **26-10-15**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

27 **26-10-15. Lead exposure public education and testing.**



28 (1) (a) The department shall establish and conduct a public education program to
29 inform parents of children who are two years old or younger regarding:

- 30 (i) the effects of lead exposure in children;
- 31 (ii) the availability of free screening and testing for lead exposure; and
- 32 (iii) other available preventative measures.

33 (b) The department may recommend consideration of screening and testing during the
34 first year or second year well child clinical visit.

35 (2) (a) The department shall provide the information described in Subsection (1) to
36 organizations that regularly provide care or services for children who are 5 years old or
37 younger.

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

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

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

44 (iii) a person providing child care under a program that is described in Subsection
45 26-39-403(2);

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

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

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

51 (vii) an organization that advocates for public education, testing, and screening of
52 children for lead exposure; and

53 (viii) any other person that the department believes would advance public education
54 regarding the effects of lead exposure on children.

55 (3) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the
56 "Childhood Lead Testing Prevention and Education Restricted Account."

57 (b) The restricted account consists of:

58 (i) money appropriated to the restricted account by the Legislature;

59 (ii) private donations; and

60 (iii) all income and interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the
61 account.

62 (c) Subject to legislative appropriations, money in the restricted account may be used
63 to fund activities related to the program created in this section.