

**SENATE FISCAL AGENCY
 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FISCAL NOTE**

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<u>TRANS. NO.</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
25-14	Department of Health and Human Services - Bureau of Epidemiology and Population Health	Division of Environmental Health Universal Lead Testing

FISCAL IMPACT:

The rule would have a negative fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and on local units of government. The Department indicates a fiscal impact of \$1.0 million to \$5.0 million depending on the level of compliance. Cost increases would result from growth in the number of blood lead specimen samples processed by the DHHS laboratory, managing an increased amount of data from a greater number of laboratory reports, provision of technical support to local health departments, and managing an increased number of requests for lead inspection and abatement services.

The rule would increase costs for local units of government, specifically local health departments due to requirements in the Public Health Code that they provide public awareness campaigns about the hazards of lead, and provide services to children who have been exposed to lead. Increased testing is likely to lead in an increase in the number of children discovered to have experience lead exposure, therefore increasing the provision of services by local health departments. A report required by Sec. 1238 of 2019 PA 67 estimated a cost to local health departments of \$43.0 million to provide blood lead level testing to all children¹.

¹ https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/-/media/Project/Websites/mdhhs/Folder3/Folder83/Folder2/Folder183/Folder1/Folder283/Section_1238_FINAL.pdf?rev=1bcef779e31749e9a0dfab5990684aaf