333.5479 Commission; duties; recommendations; report; repeal of section.

Sec. 5479. (1) The commission shall do all of the following:
(a) Study and report on the environmental threats of lead poisoning to children’s health, including, but not limited to, the incidence of exposure, source of exposure, and degree of exposure.
(b) Review this state’s lead poisoning prevention program and evaluate the effectiveness of the program, including, but not limited to, the ability of the program to satisfy federal law requirements that 100% of all young children enrolled in medicaid shall be screened with a blood lead test.
(c) Make recommendations for improvements to this state’s lead poisoning prevention program.
(d) Evaluate and report on whether there is a need to adjust the lead content level referenced in the definitions of lead-bearing substance and toxic substance in parts 54B and 54C in order to reduce the incidence of lead poisoning in children.

(2) The commission shall consider all information received from its public hearings, review information from other sources, and study the experiences of other states. The commission shall develop short- and long-range strategic recommendations for childhood lead poisoning prevention and control in this state. The recommendations shall include, but are not limited to, strategies to do all of the following:
(a) Enhance public and professional awareness of lead poisoning as a child health emergency.
(b) Significantly increase blood lead testing rates for young children.
(c) Eliminate or manage the sources of lead poisoning, especially focusing on lead-based paint in aged housing.
(d) Assure state interagency as well as public and private cooperation and communication regarding resolution of this complex environmental and public health problem.

(3) The childhood lead poisoning prevention and control commission shall submit a written report of its findings, including the recommendations under subsection (2), to the governor and the legislature by March 31, 2008 and annually thereafter by March 31 of each year. A representative of the department of community health shall provide testimony summarizing the findings and recommendations of the commission to the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to public health and children.

(4) This section is repealed effective July 1, 2010.


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