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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *						
	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12			
_	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE		
GENERAL FUNDS	\$30,876		\$42,330			
CASH FUNDS						
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$76,632		\$105,060			
OTHER FUNDS						
TOTAL FUNDS	\$107,508		\$147,390			

^{*}Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 960 requires blood lead testing of students prior to enrollment in public, private, denominational or parochial schools in the state. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is to develop rules and regulations relating to blood lead testing. School districts are to inform families prior to the date of school registration of the blood lead testing requirements.

The bill will minimally increase the workload of HHS to develop rules and regulations. The department indicates the development of the rules can be accomplished with existing staff and resources. School districts are already required to inform families about required immunizations prior to school enrollment, so the required notification regarding blood lead testing should not have a fiscal impact for schools.

The cost of blood lead testing is to be borne by families except in the case of children who are on Medicaid or enrolled in CHIP. HHS indicates the department currently pays for blood testing to determine lead levels for about 2,740 children at a cost of \$17.34 per lab test. Assuming there are about 25,000 children entering kindergarten on an annual basis, HHS estimates that about 34% or 8,500 children, who are on Medicaid or in CHIP, will be tested annually pursuant to the bill. The estimated fiscal impact for lab tests is \$147,390 (\$42,330 General, \$105,060 Federal) to test 8,500 children in 2011-12. The estimated fiscal impact is lower in the initial year, 2010-11, because some of the children will have already been tested as part of the 2,740 identified by HHS. The fiscal impact to test an estimated 6,200 children in 2010-11 is \$107,508 (\$30,876 General, \$76,632 Federal).

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COMMENTS						
DEPT, OF EDUCATION – Concur. No fiscal impact.						