

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 6273

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As Passed Senate, February 9, 2000

**Title:** An act relating to lead-based paint activities.

**Brief Description:** Creating a public health education program aimed at reducing childhood exposure to lead in residential settings.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Fraser, Winsley, Thibaudeau, Patterson, Costa, Fairley, Brown, Wojahn and Kline).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long-Term Care: 1/27/2000, 1/31/2000 [DPS].  
Passed Senate, 2/9/2000, 45-1.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6273 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Thibaudeau, Chair; Wojahn, Vice Chair; Costa, Deccio, Franklin, Johnson and Winsley.

**Staff:** Rhoda Jones (786-7198)

**Background:** In 1992 Congress passed the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act, also known as Title X. Under Title X, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal agencies developed a national program to prevent and reduce lead-based paint exposures and hazards. The four key elements of the EPA program are:

- (1) training and certification requirements to ensure the proficiency of contractors who conduct lead-based paint inspection, risk assessment and abatement services in residences and day care centers;
- (2) accreditation requirements to ensure that training programs provide quality instruction in current and effective work practices;
- (3) work practice standards to ensure that lead-based paint activities are conducted safely, reliably and effectively; and
- (4) procedures for the states and tribes to apply to the EPA for authorization to administer these key elements.

**Summary of Bill:** The Department of Health is directed to establish an education program on lead poisoning using federal funds.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 13, 2000.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

**Testimony For:** This type of education will continue the work the department is already doing to identify areas where lead is a problem in the state.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Bill Robertson (pro); Bill White, DOH (pro substitute); Dan Sexton, Plumbers and Pipefitters (pro w/concerns); Rick Slunaker, Associated General Contractors (pro/amd).