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Brief Description: Reducing childhood lead exposure.

SB 5478 - DIGEST

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Directs the department of health to implement a public health education program aimed at reducing childhood exposure to lead in residential settings. The program will continue the current efforts of the department to identify areas around the state where lead exposure poses a threat to children and families, and will provide information, education, and training to areas of concern.

Requires the program to especially focus on older housing stock, and the residential hazards of lead-based paint. The department is directed to seek federal funding for the lead hazards education project and to operate it using these funds.