

**SB 5279** - S AMD 28

By Senator Franklin

1       Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3       "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that children in the  
4 state face many preventable exposures to environmental hazards in their  
5 schools, homes, and communities. In certain cases children are at  
6 greater risk than adults for exposure to and possible illness from  
7 environmental hazards. This is due in part to their behaviors but also  
8 to their decreased ability to detoxify certain substances due to the  
9 immaturity of their body organs and immune systems.

10       The legislature further finds that higher rates of poverty place  
11 children of ethnic and minority communities at disproportionate risk  
12 for environmental exposures due to inadequate housing, poor nutrition,  
13 and limited access to health care. Solutions to complex environmental  
14 health problems require the ongoing communication, collaboration, and  
15 cooperation of affected communities.

16       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** As used in this act, "environmental hazard"  
17 means one or a group of toxic chemical, biological, or physical agents  
18 in the environment, resulting from human activities or natural  
19 processes, that may impact the health of exposed children, including  
20 such pollutants as lead, pesticides, air pollutants, contaminated  
21 drinking water, polluted waters, toxic waste, polychlorinated  
22 biphenyls, secondhand tobacco smoke, and industrial and home chemicals.

23       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The children's environmental health and  
24 protection advisory council is created.

25       (2) Membership of the advisory council shall consist of fifteen  
26 members. The president of the senate shall appoint one member of the  
27 majority party and one member of the minority party. The speaker of  
28 the house of representatives shall appoint one member from each party.

1 If an appointed member of either the senate or the house of  
2 representatives is unable to attend an advisory council meeting, that  
3 member may send a designee in his or her place. The other members  
4 shall include: The secretary of the department of health or designee;  
5 the director of the department of ecology or designee; the director of  
6 the department of agriculture or designee; the superintendent of public  
7 instruction or designee; the secretary of the department of social and  
8 health services or designee; the director of the department of labor  
9 and industries or designee; one member of the state board of health;  
10 one tribal representative, appointed by the governor; one licensed  
11 pediatric health care provider with expertise in the field of  
12 children's environmental health, appointed by the governor; one parent  
13 or guardian whose child has been clinically diagnosed with exposure to  
14 an environmental health hazard, appointed by the governor; and an  
15 expert in the field of human toxicology, appointed by the governor.

16 (3) Members of the advisory council shall serve without  
17 compensation.

18 (4) The board of health shall provide staff support and  
19 administrative assistance to the advisory council.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The advisory council shall:

21 (1) Meet at least four times a year;

22 (2) Review and comment on existing laws, rules, regulations, and  
23 standards to ensure that they adequately protect the health of children  
24 from environmental hazards;

25 (3) Work collaboratively with state agencies and others without  
26 duplicating current work in this area; and

27 (4) Report to the governor and the legislature by November 1, 2008,  
28 and November 1, 2009, with recommendations on changes in regulation  
29 that would reduce children's exposure to environmental hazards and  
30 recommendations for collaborative approaches to public education.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The state board of health may solicit,  
32 accept, and spend gifts, grants, bequests, devises, and other funds  
33 from public and private sources to fund the activities of the  
34 children's environmental health and protection advisory council created  
35 under section 3 of this act.

1            NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**   This act expires June 30, 2010."

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2            On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "council;" strike the  
3 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and providing  
4 an expiration date."

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