

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	17-4713/1	Introduction Number	SB-526	Estimate Type	Original
Description testing for lead in drinking water in buildings used for child care and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill requires child care centers and providers to test for lead in drinking water, provide parents or guardians with written notification of the results, post the test results on its Internet site, provide potable water if lead contamination is found, and continue to test pursuant to rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources until test results show no lead contamination in order to obtain, renew, or continue a child care center license or child care provider certification.

Child care programs will be responsible for completing water tests, posting and providing test results, and for providing potable water if necessary. The Department will monitor for compliance by having the licensee or operator submit evidence that the test has been completed before a license is issued, renewed, or continued or a child care provider is certified. DCF will be able to absorb the costs to monitor for compliance, but the compliance costs for child care providers are likely to be significant.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications