

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 333
HOUSE BILL 690

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF LEAD
POISONING IN CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 5 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"Part 4. Lead Poisoning in Children.

"§ 130A-131. Commission to adopt rules.

(a) For the protection of the public health, the Commission shall adopt rules for the prevention and control of lead poisoning in children. The rules shall include provisions for:

- (1) Reporting by laboratories of elevated blood lead levels in children less than six years of age; the rules shall specify the public health agency to which reports shall be made, and shall establish when a blood lead level is considered to be elevated. The rules shall further provide the specific information to be included in the reports, the time limits for reporting, and the form in which reports shall be submitted;
- (2) Investigation by the Department to determine the source of elevated blood lead levels;
- (3) Identification of lead poisoning hazards;
- (4) Examination and testing of children less than six years of age who are reasonably suspected of having elevated blood lead levels; and
- (5) Abatement of lead poisoning hazards in dwellings, schools and day care facilities in which children less than six years of age live or attend school or day care.

(b) Abatement orders issued by the Department pursuant to this section shall require elimination of the lead poisoning hazard."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1990, except that the Commission for Health Services may, upon ratification of this act, adopt rules for the implementation of this act, which rules shall become effective July 1, 1990.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of June, 1989.