

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 18-106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1994 Replacement Volume)

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Article - Family Law
Section 5-556.1, 5-580.2, and 5-589.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Environment

6-303.

(a) A medical laboratory shall report to the Department the results of all blood lead [or erythrocyte protoporphyrin] tests performed on any child 18 years and under.

(b) The Department shall report the results of blood lead [or erythrocyte protoporphyrin] tests indicating an elevated blood lead level, as defined by regulation, to:

(1) The local health department in the jurisdiction where the child resides; and

(2) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(c) The Department shall adopt regulations to:

(1) Govern the reporting requirements of laboratories to the Department under subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) Provide for the reporting of information by the Department to local health departments and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

6-304.

(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL ASSURE THE STATEWIDE COORDINATED CASE MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVELS AT OR ABOVE 15 MICROGRAMS PER DECILITER IDENTIFIED IN THE LEAD POISONING SCREENING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 18-106 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A LEAD POISONING OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM DESIGNED TO:

(I) INFORM PARENTS OF THE NEED TO SCREEN THEIR CHILDREN FOR LEAD POISONING;

(II) INFORM PARENTS OF THE DANGERS OF LEAD POISONING;