vetoed Senate Bill 712 - Education - Lead Poisoning Tests - Administering and Reporting.

This bill requires children residing in areas designated as at risk for lead poisoning to receive a blood test for lead poisoning. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must require providers caring for children in such areas to administer blood tests to children by ages 12 months and 24 months, and to children over age 24 months who have not received a blood test for lead poisoning.

House Bill 1221, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 712.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 712

AN ACT concerning

Education - Baltimore City Physical Examinations Lead Poisoning Tests - Administering and Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring certain regulations to require a public school physical examination in Baltimore City to include parents or legal guardians of certain children to report the results of a certain test for lead poisoning at a certain time; authorizing the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, in consultation with certain department heads, to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain public schools in Baltimore City to report certain information to the Commissioner each school year; requiring the Commissioner to report certain information to the Department of the Environment each school year; and generally relating to requiring a certain test for lead poisoning in Baltimore City public schools a certain local health department; requiring certain persons to administer a certain test for lead poisoning under certain circumstances; requiring a medical laboratory to report the results of a certain test for lead poisoning to a certain person under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department to report certain information to a certain registry program; authorizing the Department of the Environment to report the results of a certain test for lead poisoning to a certain immunization registry; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to report certain information concerning a certain test for lead poisoning on a certain immunization registry; and generally relating to requiring certain children to have been administered a certain test for lead poisoning and reporting certain results and information concerning tests for lead poisoning under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Education Section 7-402 7-403