

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2477

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Crittenden

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Registered nurses; delegation to conduct physical examinations of children

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides an exemption to the medical practice act to authorize physicians of medicine and osteopathy to delegate to registered nurses the authority to conduct physical examinations of children, when these children's health services are provided in accordance with a written protocol between the physician and the registered nurse, and the registered nurse has successfully completed training in a program complying with Board of Nursing guidelines. The Board of Nursing, in coordination with the Board of Medicine, is also authorized to develop and revise guidelines for training registered nurses to conduct children's physical examinations under the supervision of a physician of medicine or osteopathy. This provision is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee Studying Lead Poisoning Prevention as a means to increase opportunities for identification of children with elevated blood-lead levels, to reduce the administrative burden on physicians, and to provide authority for reimbursement for nurses to perform this service through Medicaid under appropriate circumstances, and, where applicable, insurance programs.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: None

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources