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Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2016

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2821	Related bill	Apr 20, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 HR 4694	Identical bill	Mar 4, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.

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This bill directs the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to promulgate regulations to update the standards for lead-contaminated dust and lead-contaminated soil, in accordance with health-based standards.

The Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 is amended to define elevated blood lead level as the lower of:

- 5 mg/dL (micrograms of lead per deciliter), or
- the most recent definition for elevated blood lead level or reference range level in children ages 1 through 5 set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The bill also removes 0-bedroom housing from the definition of target housing.

The Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act is amended to direct HUD to promulgate regulations that:

- require an initial lead-based paint hazard risk assessment before a family with a child under age six occupies certain housing, unless lead-based paint has already been removed; and
- state that a visual assessment is not sufficient for these purposes.

These regulations shall apply to housing receiving federal assistance that was constructed before 1978, but exclude:

- single-family housing covered by an application for mortgage insurance from the Federal Housing Administration, or
- multi-family housing covered by such an application but does not receive any other federal housing assistance.

HUD regulations shall also require emergency relocation of such families, without placement on a waitlist, penalty, or lapse in assistance, to another unit of covered housing that has no lead-based paint hazards.

The Government Accountability Office shall report to Congress on lead hazards in federally assisted housing.

Actions Timeline

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