

Healthy Michigan, Healthy Kids

Eliminate Added Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products

Support elimination of added* lead, mercury and arsenic in children's products. Support measures to eliminate other important sources of childhood exposures – including lead in house paint, mercury in fish, and arsenic in water supplies.

Identify and Prioritize Chemicals of Concern

Require the state to create and regularly update a comprehensive list of chemicals known to cause cancer, reproductive or developmental harm, neurotoxicity, hormone disruption or which are persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic, based on published government lists and other existing sources of data. From this initial list, require the state to select and regularly update "chemicals of highest concern" based on their use in children's products, presence in children, household dust, human breast milk or cord blood, or other specific relevance to the health of Michigan's children.

Inform Consumers

Manufacturers of children's products that contain "chemicals of highest concern" above a threshold level must publicly identify what products contain which chemicals and in what amounts. Manufacturers must publicly report whether Screening Information Data Set or equivalent information exists for all chemicals in their children's products sold in Michigan.

Foster Cooperation and Planning

Authorize the state to participate in the proposed Interstate Clearinghouse for Safer Chemicals. Require state to develop chemical policy recommendations for other products to which children could be exposed.

Grow Michigan's Green Economy

Create tax incentives, state assistance and partnerships for development and use of safer chemicals and products. Provide incentives for educational programs in Green Chemistry and safer chemical and product development. Require state government to procure safer products, including Michigan-grown bio-based products, to the maximum feasible extent.

* "Added" means a threshold of 40 parts per million, which represents a trace or background level of lead according to the American Academy of Pediatrics

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