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To enact section 3701.68 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Director of Health to establish an 2
information and awareness program for mold, 3
lead, radon, and carbon monoxide and to name 4
this act the Healthy Homes Program Act. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3701.68 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 3701.68. (A) As used in this section, "mold" means 8
any form of multi-cellular fungi in indoor environments, 9
including Cladosporium, penicillium, alternaria, aspergillus, 10
fusarium, Trichoderma, Chaetomium, memnoniella, mucor, and 11
stachybotrys chartarum, that are often found in water-damaged 12
indoor environments and building materials. 13

(B) The director of health shall establish a mold, lead, 14
radon, and carbon monoxide information and awareness program to 15
assist the public in understanding the threat of mold, lead, 16
radon, and carbon monoxide in buildings and the importance of 17
the proper remediation of that mold, lead, radon, and carbon 18
monoxide. As part of the program, the director shall do both of 19

the following: 20

(1) Every five years, review technology or treatment 21
techniques for mold, lead, radon, and carbon monoxide 22
identification and remediation that provide additional 23
protections to public health and safety. As part of the review 24
for mold, the director shall consider mold remediation treatment 25
techniques established by the institute of inspection cleaning 26
and restoration certification and approved by the American 27
national standards institute (ANSI) in the S520 standard for 28
professional mold remediation, or its successor publication. The 29
review shall be performed in accordance with rules adopted under 30
this section and include an examination of any new scientific 31
evidence that indicates that mold, lead, radon, and carbon 32
monoxide may present a greater health risk to the public than 33
previously determined. 34

(2) Establish a public awareness campaign on the dangers 35
of mold, lead, radon, and carbon monoxide in accordance with 36
rules adopted under this section. As part of the campaign, the 37
director shall disseminate information via digital brochures and 38
the department of health's web site. 39

(C) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with 40
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing both of the 41
following: 42

(1) Requirements and procedures for the review required 43
under division (B) (1) of this section; 44

(2) Requirements and procedures for the public awareness 45
campaign established under division (B) (2) of this section. The 46
rules shall ensure that the campaign educates the public on the 47
health effects of mold, lead, radon, and carbon monoxide; 48

methods of identification and remediation of mold, lead, radon, 49
and carbon monoxide; and contact information for organizations 50
or government agencies that can assist the public with their 51
concerns. 52

Section 2. (A) As used in this section, "mold" has the 53
same meaning as in section 3720.01 of the Revised Code. 54

(B) The Department of Health shall study any adverse 55
effects to humans from exposure to mold in damp and water- 56
damaged buildings. The Department shall consult with scientific 57
research institutions and organizations with expertise on the 58
adverse health effects from exposure to mold. 59

(C) Not later than one year after the effective date of 60
this section, the Department shall submit its findings to the 61
General Assembly. 62

Section 3. This act shall be known as the Healthy Homes 63
Program Act. 64