

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Reporting deaths, death investigations and other duties of coroners and medical examiners, disposition of bodies, and providing a penalty		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, any person who has knowledge of certain deaths must report the death to the sheriff, police chief, medical examiner, or coroner for the locality in which the death occurred. A sheriff or police chief who is notified of such a death must notify the coroner or medical examiner of the death, and the coroner or medical examiner must notify the district attorney.

This bill requires that, if a death must be reported, any person who has knowledge of the death must report it to the coroner or medical examiner. A person who discovers a body may instead report the death to a law enforcement officer. In all cases, law enforcement officers are required to report the death to the coroner or medical examiner.

As it pertains to law enforcement officers, this bill does not represent a significant policy change and there are no expected fiscal effects.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications