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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101      **CONCERNING THE COLORADO CORONERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING**  
102      **BOARD.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.>)*

The bill makes the following changes to the Colorado coroners standards and training board (board) in the department of public health and environment (department):

- !      Requires that the chairperson of the board be either a coroner or a forensic pathologist;

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*

*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

- ! Increases the number of hours required to fulfill annual in-service training;
- ! Authorizes the director of the department to expend any gifts, grants, or donations that the department receives to cover the costs of operating the board; and
- ! Specifies that staff at the department, rather than an independent contractor, will perform the administrative duties related to the operation of the board.

The bill requires every county coroner to create a policy for the training of deputy coroners and to make the policy available for public inspection.

The bill also requires the attorney general to be the legal advisor to the board and to provide a deputy or assistant attorney general to attend the meetings of the board.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-601.6, **amend**  
3 (3) (a), (5) (a), and (6); and **add** (7) as follows:

4 **30-10-601.6. Coroners standards and training board.**

5 (3) (a) The C.C.S.T. board shall consist of eight members. The  
6 chairperson and the vice-chairperson of the C.C.S.T. board shall be  
7 elected annually by the members of the C.C.S.T. board WITH THE  
8 REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHAIRPERSON BE EITHER A CORONER OR A  
9 FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST.

10 (5) (a) On and after August 6, 2003, the executive director of the  
11 department of public health and environment may accept AND EXPEND  
12 gifts, grants, and donations to cover the costs incurred in the  
13 establishment and operation of the C.C.S.T. board. Such gifts, grants, and  
14 donations received shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall  
15 credit the moneys to the coroner training fund created in section  
16 30-10-601.8 (5). Any unencumbered STATE moneys remaining in the fund  
17 upon the repeal of this section shall be transferred to the general fund.

1           (6) The department of public health and environment ~~in~~  
2 ~~coordination with the C.C.S.T. board shall hire an independent contractor~~  
3 ~~to~~ STAFF SHALL perform THE administrative duties related to the  
4 ~~establishment and~~ operation of the C.C.S.T. board.

5           (7) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE THE LEGAL ADVISOR TO  
6 THE C.C.S.T. BOARD. A DEPUTY OR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
7 CHOSEN BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
8 DESIGNEE SHALL ATTEND EACH MEETING OF THE C.C.S.T. BOARD TO  
9 PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE C.C.S.T. BOARD AS REQUESTED BY THE  
10 BOARD.

11           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-601.7, **amend**  
12 (1) (c) as follows:

13           **30-10-601.7. Duties of the Colorado coroners standards and**  
14 **training board.** (1) In addition to its other duties set forth in this part 6,  
15 the C.C.S.T. board shall:

16           (c) Approve training providers and programs used to fulfill the  
17 annual ~~sixteen-hour~~ TWENTY-HOUR in-service training requirement  
18 specified in section 30-10-601.8 (3).

19           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-601.8, **amend**  
20 (3); and **add** (6) as follows:

21           **30-10-601.8. Training - fees - coroner training fund.** (3) Each  
22 coroner shall complete a minimum of ~~sixteen~~ TWENTY hours of in-service  
23 training provided by the Colorado coroners association or by another  
24 training provider approved by the C.C.S.T. board during each year of the  
25 coroner's term. At the request of a coroner, the C.C.S.T. board may decide  
26 that a combination of education, experience, and training satisfies the  
27 requirement to complete ~~sixteen~~ TWENTY hours of in-service training

1 annually.

2 (6) EACH COUNTY CORONER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL  
3 CREATE A POLICY FOR THE TRAINING OF DEPUTY CORONERS AND MAKE THE  
4 POLICY AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

5 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, **add** (4.7)  
6 as follows:

7 **24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general.** (4.7) THE  
8 ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
9 COLORADO CORONERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD AND PERFORM  
10 THE DUTIES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 30-10-601.6 (7), C.R.S., RELATING TO  
11 THE COLORADO CORONERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD.

12 **SECTION 5. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2014.

13 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.