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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE COLORADO CORONERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING**
102 **BOARD, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
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HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
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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

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

- coroner or a forensic pathologist;
- ! 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.

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. Appropriation.** In addition to any other
13 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated to the department of law, for
14 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$3,643, or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary, for the provision of legal services for the
16 department of public health and environment related to the
17 implementation of this act. Said sum is from cash funds received from the
18 department of public health and environment out of moneys in the
19 coroner training fund created in section 30-10-601.8 (5), Colorado
20 Revised Statutes.

21 **SECTION 6. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2014.

22 **SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.