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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 663

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 663 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Coroner Training Board Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Board" means the Coroner Training Board.

8 "Coroner" means coroners and deputy coroners.

9 "Coroner training school" means any school located within
10 or outside the State of Illinois whether privately or publicly
11 owned which offers a course in coroner training and has been
12 approved by the Board.

13 "Forensic pathologist" means a board certified pathologist
14 by the American Board of Pathology.

15 "Local governmental agency" means any local governmental
16 unit or municipal corporation in this State. It does not

1 include the State of Illinois or any office, officer,
2 department, division, bureau, board, commission, or agency of
3 the State.

4 Section 10. Board; composition; appointments; tenure;
5 vacancies. The Board shall be composed of 5 members who shall
6 be appointed by the Governor as follows: 2 coroners, one
7 forensic pathologist from the Cook County Medical Examiner's
8 Office, one forensic pathologist from a county other than Cook
9 County, and one citizen of Illinois who is not currently or was
10 a coroner or forensic pathologist. The initial appointments by
11 the Governor shall be made on the first Monday of August in
12 2016 and the initial appointments' terms shall be as follows:
13 one coroner and one forensic pathologist shall be for a period
14 of one year, the second coroner and the second forensic
15 pathologist for 3 years, and the citizen for a period of 3
16 years. Their successors shall be appointed in like manner for
17 terms to expire the first Monday of August each 3 years
18 thereafter. All members shall serve until their respective
19 successors are appointed and qualify. Vacancies shall be filled
20 by the Governor for the unexpired terms.

21 Section 15. Initial board meeting; election of officers.
22 The initial meeting of the Board shall be held no later than
23 August 31, 2016. The Board shall elect from its number a
24 Chairman and Vice-Chairman, adopt rules of procedure, and shall

1 meet at least 4 times each year.

2 The Board may employ an Executive Director and other
3 necessary clerical and technical personnel. Special meetings
4 of the Board may be called at any time by the Chairman or upon
5 the request of any 2 members. The members of the Board shall
6 serve without compensation but shall be entitled to
7 reimbursement for their actual expenses in attending meetings
8 and in the performance of their duties hereunder from funds
9 appropriated for that purpose.

10 Section 20. Powers of the Board. The Board has the
11 following powers and duties:

12 (a) To require units of local governmental to furnish such
13 reports and information as the Board deems necessary to fully
14 implement this Act.

15 (b) To establish by rule appropriate mandatory minimum
16 standards relating to the training of coroners, including, but
17 not limited to, Part 1760 of Chapter V of Title 20 of the
18 Illinois Administrative Code. The Board shall consult with the
19 Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association when
20 adopting mandatory minimum standards.

21 (c) To provide appropriate certification to those coroners
22 who successfully complete the prescribed minimum standard
23 basic training course.

24 (d) To review and approve annual training curriculum for
25 coroners.

1 (e) To review and approve applicants to ensure no applicant
2 is admitted to a coroner training school unless the applicant
3 is a person of good character and has not been convicted of a
4 felony offense, any of the misdemeanors in Sections 11-1.50,
5 11-6, 11-9.1, 11-14, 11-17, 11-19, 12-2, 12-15, 16-1, 17-1,
6 17-2, 28-3, 29-1, 31-1, 31-6, 31-7, 32-4a, or 32-7 of the
7 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, subdivision
8 (a) (1) or (a) (2) (C) of Section 11-14.3 of the Criminal Code of
9 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or subsection (a) of Section
10 17-32 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of
11 2012, or Section 5 or 5.2 of the Cannabis Control Act, or a
12 crime involving moral turpitude under the laws of this State or
13 any other state which if committed in this State would be
14 punishable as a felony or a crime of moral turpitude. The Board
15 may appoint investigators who shall enforce the duties
16 conferred upon the Board by this Act.

17 Section 25. Selection and certification of schools. The
18 Board shall select and certify coroner training schools within
19 or outside the State of Illinois for the purpose of providing
20 basic training for coroners and of providing advanced or
21 in-service training for coroners, which schools may be either
22 publicly or privately owned and operated.

23 Section 30. Death investigation training; waiver for
24 experience.

1 (a) The Board shall conduct or approve a training program
2 in death investigation for the training of coroners. Only
3 coroners who successfully complete the training program may be
4 assigned as lead investigators in a coroner's investigations.
5 Satisfactory completion of the training program shall be
6 evidenced by a certificate issued to the coroner by the Board.

7 (b) The Board shall develop a process for waiver
8 applications sent from a coroner's office for those coroners
9 whose prior training and experience as a death or homicide
10 investigator may qualify them for a waiver. The Board may issue
11 a waiver at its discretion, based solely on the prior training
12 and experience of a coroner as a death or homicide
13 investigator.

14 Section 35. Acceptance of contributions and gifts. The
15 Board may accept contributions, capital grants, gifts,
16 donations, services or other financial assistance from any
17 individual, association, corporation, the United States of
18 America and any of its agencies or instrumentalities, or any
19 other organization having a legitimate interest in coroner
20 training.

21 Section 40. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by
22 changing Sections 1 and 10.11 as follows:

23 (50 ILCS 705/1) (from Ch. 85, par. 501)

1 Sec. 1. It is hereby declared as a matter of legislative
2 determination that in order to promote and protect citizen
3 health, safety and welfare, it is necessary and in the public
4 interest to provide for the creation of the Illinois Law
5 Enforcement Training Standards Board for the purpose of
6 encouraging and aiding municipalities, counties, park
7 districts, State controlled universities, colleges, and public
8 community colleges, and other local governmental agencies of
9 this State and participating State agencies in their efforts to
10 raise the level of law enforcement by upgrading and maintaining
11 a high level of training and standards for law enforcement
12 executives and officers, county corrections officers,
13 sheriffs, ~~county coroners,~~ and law enforcement support
14 personnel under this Act. It is declared to be the
15 responsibility of the board to ensure the required
16 participation of the pertinent local governmental units in the
17 programs established under this Act, to encourage the voluntary
18 participation of other local governmental units and
19 participating State agencies, to set standards, develop and
20 provide quality training and education, and to aid in the
21 establishment of adequate training facilities.

22 (Source: P.A. 88-586, eff. 8-12-94.)

23 (50 ILCS 705/10.11)

24 Sec. 10.11. Training; death and homicide investigation.
25 The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board shall

1 conduct or approve a training program in death and homicide
2 investigation for the training of law enforcement officers of
3 local government agencies ~~and coroners~~. Only law enforcement
4 officers ~~and coroners~~ who successfully complete the training
5 program may be assigned as lead investigators in death and
6 homicide investigations ~~and coroner's investigations,~~
7 ~~respectively~~. Satisfactory completion of the training program
8 shall be evidenced by a certificate issued to the law
9 enforcement officer ~~or coroner~~ by the Illinois Law Enforcement
10 Training and Standards Board.

11 The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board
12 shall develop a process for waiver applications sent by a local
13 law enforcement agency administrator ~~or from a coroner's office~~
14 for those officers ~~or coroners~~ whose prior training and
15 experience as homicide investigators may qualify them for a
16 waiver. The Board may issue a waiver at its discretion, based
17 solely on the prior training and experience of an officer ~~or a~~
18 ~~coroner~~ as a homicide investigator. This Section does not
19 affect or impede the powers of the office of the coroner to
20 investigate all deaths as provided in Division 3-3 of the
21 Counties Code and the Coroner Training Board Act.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-1111, eff. 1-1-12; 97-553, eff. 1-1-12;
23 97-1009, eff. 1-1-13.)

24 Section 45. The Counties Code is amended by changing
25 Section 3-3001 as follows:

1 (55 ILCS 5/3-3001) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-3001)

2 Sec. 3-3001. Commission; training; duties performed by
3 other county officer.

4 (a) Every coroner shall be commissioned by the Governor,
5 but no commission shall issue except upon the certificate of
6 the county clerk of the proper county of the due election or
7 appointment of the coroner and that the coroner has filed his
8 or her bond and taken the oath of office as provided in this
9 Division.

10 (b) (1) Within 30 days of assuming office, a coroner
11 elected to that office for the first time shall apply for
12 admission to the Coroner Training Board ~~Illinois Law~~
13 ~~Enforcement Training Standards Board~~ coroners training
14 program. Completion of the training program shall be within
15 6 months of application. Any coroner may direct the chief
16 deputy coroner or a deputy coroner, or both, to attend the
17 training program, provided the coroner has completed the
18 training program. Satisfactory completion of the program
19 shall be evidenced by a certificate issued to the coroner
20 by the Coroner Training Board ~~Illinois Law Enforcement~~
21 ~~Training Standards Board~~. All coroners shall complete the
22 training program at least once while serving as coroner.

23 (2) In developing the coroner training program, the
24 Coroner Training Board ~~Illinois Law Enforcement Training~~
25 ~~Standards Board~~ shall consult with the Illinois Coroners

1 and Medical Examiners Association or other organization as
2 approved by the Coroner Training Board ~~and the Illinois~~
3 ~~Necropsy Board.~~

4 (3) The Coroner Training Board ~~Illinois Law~~
5 ~~Enforcement Training Standards Board~~ shall notify the
6 proper county board of the failure by a coroner to
7 successfully complete this training program.

8 (c) Every coroner shall attend at least 24 hours of
9 accredited continuing education for coroners in each calendar
10 year.

11 (d) In all counties that provide by resolution for the
12 elimination of the office of coroner pursuant to a referendum,
13 the resolution may also provide, as part of the same
14 proposition, that the duties of the coroner be taken over by
15 another county officer specified by the resolution and
16 proposition.

17 (Source: P.A. 87-255; 88-586, eff. 8-12-94.)

18 Section 50. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing
19 Section 25.5 as follows:

20 (410 ILCS 535/25.5)

21 Sec. 25.5. Death Certificate Surcharge Fund. The
22 additional \$2 fee for certified copies of death certificates
23 and fetal death certificates must be deposited into the Death
24 Certificate Surcharge Fund, a special fund created in the State

1 treasury. Beginning 30 days after the effective date of this
2 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and until January
3 1, 2003 and then beginning again on July 1, 2003 and until July
4 1, 2005, moneys in the Fund, subject to appropriation, may be
5 used by the Department for the purpose of implementing an
6 electronic reporting system for death registrations as
7 provided in Section 18.5 of this Act. Before the effective date
8 of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, on and
9 after January 1, 2003 and until July 1, 2003, and on and after
10 July 1, 2005, moneys in the Fund, subject to appropriations,
11 may be used as follows: (i) 25% by the Coroner Training Board
12 ~~Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board~~ for the
13 purpose of training coroners, deputy coroners, forensic
14 pathologists, and police officers for death ~~homicide~~
15 investigations and lodging and travel expenses relating to
16 training, (ii) 25% for grants by the Department of Public
17 Health for distribution to all local county coroners and
18 medical examiners or officials charged with the duties set
19 forth under Division 3-3 of the Counties Code, who have a
20 different title, for equipment and lab facilities, (iii) 25% by
21 the Department of Public Health for the purpose of setting up a
22 statewide database of death certificates and implementing an
23 electronic reporting system for death registrations pursuant
24 to Section 18.5, and (iv) 25% for a grant by the Department of
25 Public Health to local registrars.

26 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-141, eff. 7-24-01; 93-45,

1 7-1-03.)".