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COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1169, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:

- 1 Page 15, line 4, delete "fee," and insert "**fee collected**,".
- 2 Page 18, delete lines 12 through 42.
- 3 Page 20, delete lines 7 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
- 4 insert:
- 5 "SECTION 47. IC 36-2-14-5.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.225-2007,
- 6 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 7 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 5.5. A child death pathologist shall:
- 8 (1) consult with a coroner concerning a death described in section
- 9 6.3(b) of this chapter;
- 10 (2) conduct an autopsy of a child as described in sections 6.3(c)
- 11 and 6.7(b) of this chapter; and
- 12 (3) perform duties described in section ~~6.7(e)~~ **6.7(f)** of this
- 13 chapter.

1 SECTION 48. IC 36-2-14-6.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.225-2007,
 2 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 6.7. (a) This section applies to a child who:

- 4 (1) died suddenly and unexpectedly;
- 5 (2) was less than three (3) years of age at the time of death; and
- 6 (3) was in apparent good health before dying.

7 (b) A child death pathologist or a pathology resident acting under
 8 the direct supervision of a child death pathologist shall conduct an
 9 autopsy of a child described in subsection (a).

10 (c) A county coroner may not certify the cause of death of a child
 11 described in subsection (a) until an autopsy is performed at county
 12 expense.

13 (d) The county coroner shall contact the parent or guardian of a
 14 child described in subsection (a) and notify the parent or guardian that
 15 an autopsy will be conducted at county expense.

16 **(e) A county coroner may not certify the cause of death for an**
 17 **infant described in subsection (a) as a sudden unexplained infant**
 18 **death, including sudden infant death syndrome, until a**
 19 **comprehensive death investigation is performed at the county's**
 20 **expense that includes the following:**

21 **(1) Comprehensive autopsy including the following:**

22 **(A) Imaging.**

23 **(B) Pathology.**

24 **(C) Toxicology.**

25 **(2) Death scene investigation to include death scene photos.**

26 **(3) Submission of the sudden unexplained infant death report**
 27 **form to a child death pathologist.**

28 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** The child death pathologist shall:

29 (1) ensure that a tangible summary of the autopsy results is
 30 provided;

31 (2) provide informational material concerning sudden infant death
 32 syndrome; and

33 (3) unless the release of autopsy results would jeopardize a law
 34 enforcement investigation, provide notice that a parent or
 35 guardian has the right to receive the preliminary autopsy results;
 36 to the parents or guardian of the child within one (1) week after the
 37 autopsy.

38 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** If a parent or guardian of a child described in subsection (a)

1 requests the autopsy report of the child, the coroner shall provide the
 2 autopsy report to the parent or guardian within thirty (30) days after
 3 the:
 4 (1) request; or
 5 (2) completion of the autopsy report;
 6 whichever is later, at no cost.
 7 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** A coroner shall notify:
 8 (1) a local child fatality review team; or
 9 (2) if the county does not have a local child fatality review team,
 10 the statewide child fatality review committee;
 11 of the death of a child described in subsection (a)."
 12 Page 21, delete lines 1 through 8.
 13 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to HB 1169 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Barrett

