

SB139

INVESTIGATION OF OVERDOSE DEATHS (MERRITT J) Requires the county coroner to do the following if the county coroner reasonably suspects the cause of a person's death to be accidental or intentional overdose of a controlled substance: (1) Obtain any relevant information about the decedent maintained by the INSPECT program. (2) Extract and test certain bodily fluids of the decedent. (3) Report test results to the state department of health (department). (4) Provide the department notice of the decedent's death, including any information related to the controlled substances involved, if any. Authorizes the department to adopt rules. Makes conforming changes. Provides that the coroners training and continuing education fund shall be used for the costs incurred by a county coroner to perform investigations of overdose deaths for the 2018-2019 state fiscal year.

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