

2476-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lambert, Kagi, Dickerson, Hurst, Cox, Carrell, Boldt, D. Sommers, Mulliken, Esser, Stensen, McDonald, Ruderman, Edwards, Keiser and Rockefeller)

Brief Description: Investigating deaths of children.

**HB 2476-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/8/00)

Requires basic training for death investigators offered by the Washington association of coroners and medical examiners and the criminal justice training commission to include a module which specifically addresses the investigations of the sudden unexplained deaths of children under the age of three.

Requires each county to use a protocol that has been endorsed or developed by the council for scene investigations of the sudden unexplained deaths of children under the age of three.

Provides that, when the county bears the cost of an autopsy of a child under the age of three whose death was sudden and unexplained, the county shall be reimbursed for the expenses of the autopsy when the death scene investigation and the autopsy have been conducted under RCW 43.103.100 (4) and (5), and the autopsy has been done at a facility designed for the performance of autopsies.