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Brief Description: Investigating deaths of children.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

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 not be reimbursed pursuant to RCW 68.50.104 unless the death scene investigation and the autopsy have been conducted pursuant to this act, and the autopsy has been done at a facility designed for the performance of autopsies.