

1223-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Kagi, Chase,  
Cody and Lovick)

Brief Description: Placing jurisdiction over deceased minors with  
the county coroner.

**HB 1223-S - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Places jurisdiction over deceased minors with the county  
coroner.

Requires the coroner, medical examiner, or person acting in  
that capacity to promptly notify the department of social and  
health services of any instances in which the coroner, medical  
examiner, or person acting in that capacity has received notice of  
a minor's death.

Authorizes the provision of autopsy reports to the department  
of social and health services in cases involving the death of any  
minor where abuse or neglect of the child may have caused or  
contributed to his or her death or in cases involving any minor for  
whom the department has an open case or has had an open case in the  
year preceding the death of the child.

Provides that, if a death investigation is initiated by the  
department of social and health services, the department may share  
coroner's or medical examiner's documents with the investigators as  
part of the investigation process.