
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to Original House Bill No. 160
by Representative FoilAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, line 15, after "minor" and before "from" insert "or any other findings of abuse or neglect of the minor"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, at the end of line 16, insert the following:

"If the coroner finds that the cause of death of a minor child was due to abuse or neglect or finds evidence of any other abuse or neglect of the child, he shall notify the Department of Children and Family Services. The coroner shall provide the department with his findings in a timely manner, or immediately when requested to protect any other minor child."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 29, after the period "." insert "The fact of death letter shall be a public record."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, line 10, after "death" change the period "." to a comma "," and insert "including any scientifically contributing factors."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, line 11, after the comma "," and before "Department" insert "any other person."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, line 17, after "cases" change the period "." to a comma "," and insert "nor shall it prohibit the coroner from releasing information pursuant to R.S. 13:5713 or Children's Code Article 609 to the Department of Children and Family Services."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 6, line 1, after "document" delete the period "." and insert "except as provided in Paragraph (6) of this Subsection, or if ordered opened to the public by a court of competent jurisdiction."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

"(5) Nothing in this Subsection shall prohibit a coroner from providing the documents described in this Subsection to the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health, for mortality surveillance and other purposes related to public health. The office of public health shall treat any such documents as confidential, and such documents shall not be subject to release pursuant to a public records request or subpoena to the Louisiana Department of Health or the office of public health.

1 (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, any post-
2 mortem forensic medical examination report used in the investigation of any
3 criminal activity or death of any person in the custody or control of any law
4 enforcement or corrections entity authorized by the constitution and laws of
5 the United States or the state of Louisiana are public records subject to the
6 provisions of R.S. 44:3(A)(1)."