
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to Original House Bill No. 160
by Representative Foil

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

AMENDMENT NO. 518 On page 5, line 11, after the comma "," and before "Department" insert "any other person,"**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

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

AMENDMENT NO. 7

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

AMENDMENT NO. 8

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

29 "(5) Nothing in this Subsection shall prohibit a coroner from
30 providing the documents described in this Subsection to the Louisiana
31 Department of Health, office of public health, for mortality surveillance and
32 other purposes related to public health. The office of public health shall treat
33 any such documents as confidential, and such documents shall not be subject
34 to release pursuant to a public records request or subpoena to the Louisiana
35 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)."

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