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**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 641** HLS 14RS 322  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Duties of Coroners		

CORONERS RE1 NO IMPACT LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Relative to the office and duties of coroner

**Purpose of Bill:** This measure would change the following provisions relative to duties of coroners: (1) changes the types of cases that the coroner shall investigate; (2) provides that the coroner's office shall arrange for the disposition of paupers; current law requires burial; (3) adds coroner, deputy coroner, and coroner investigators to the list of peace officers whose murder would be prosecutable as first degree murder; (4) allows designated coroner investigators to possess and conceal a handgun when they are certified by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training; and (5) requires coroners and coroner investigators to make a reasonable search for organ donation authorization.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**There is no anticipated direct material effect on local government expenditures as a result of this measure.**

According to officials with the Louisiana State Coroner's Association, Caddo Parish Coroner's Office, and Lafayette Parish Coroner's Office, this measure would have no impact of local government expenditures.

The change in the types of cases that require an investigation would not impact expenditures because it would not significantly increase the number of cases the coroner must investigate. The change that provides that the coroner's office arrange for disposition of paupers would not impact expenditures because this changes the current law to match current practice. The remaining changes have no fiscal impact as they either change definitions or provide additional rights and duties to coroners, which can be accomplished without any additional work or expenditures.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**There is no anticipated direct material effect on local government revenues as a result of this measure.**

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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