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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Vigil Sen. Jaquez Lewis	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: CORONER QUALIFICATIONS

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill requires certification standards for coroners in counties with populations greater than 150,000 that are elected on or after November 5, 2024.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Currently, county coroners must be residents of the county they serve and have a high school diploma or college degree. Coroners must also obtain certification in basic death investigation from the Colorado Coroners Association or another training provider within a year of taking office.

This bill requires coroners elected on or after November 5, 2024 in counties with populations greater than 150,000 to hold national certifications. A county coroner must either be a death investigator certified by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators or a forensic pathologist certified by the American Board of Pathology.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

As the certification standards apply to new county coroners in future election cycles, there are no cost impacts to counties, as a candidate for coroner must ensure compliance with the standards prior to seeking office, presumably at the candidate's expense. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 11, 2024, and takes effect on August 7, 2024, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	County Coroners	Law
Public Health and Environment		

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).