

CHAPTER 376

GOVERNMENT - COUNTY

HOUSE BILL 14-1380

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Gardner and Fields, Ginal, Kagan, Kraft-Tharp, Schafer;
also SENATOR(S) Nicholson, Crowder, King, Newell, Todd.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE COLORADO CORONERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-601.6, **amend** (3) (a), (5) (a), and (6); and **add** (7) as follows:

30-10-601.6. Coroners standards and training board. (3) (a) The C.C.S.T. board shall consist of eight members. The chairperson and the vice-chairperson of the C.C.S.T. board shall be elected annually by the members of the C.C.S.T. board WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHAIRPERSON BE EITHER A CORONER OR A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST.

(5) (a) On and after August 6, 2003, the executive director of the department of public health and environment may accept AND EXPEND gifts, grants, and donations to cover the costs incurred in the establishment and operation of the C.C.S.T. board. Such gifts, grants, and donations received shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the moneys to the coroner training fund created in section 30-10-601.8 (5). Any unencumbered STATE moneys remaining in the fund upon the repeal of this section shall be transferred to the general fund.

(6) The department of public health and environment ~~in coordination with the C.C.S.T. board shall hire an independent contractor to~~ STAFF SHALL perform THE administrative duties related to the ~~establishment and~~ operation of the C.C.S.T. board.

(7) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE THE LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE C.C.S.T. BOARD. A DEPUTY OR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL CHOSEN BY THE ATTORNEY

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

GENERAL OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DESIGNEE SHALL ATTEND EACH MEETING OF THE C.C.S.T. BOARD TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE C.C.S.T. BOARD AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-601.7, **amend** (1) (c) as follows:

30-10-601.7. Duties of the Colorado coroners standards and training board.

(1) In addition to its other duties set forth in this part 6, the C.C.S.T. board shall:

(c) Approve training providers and programs used to fulfill the annual ~~sixteen-hour~~ TWENTY-HOUR in-service training requirement specified in section 30-10-601.8 (3).

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-601.8, **amend** (3); and **add** (6) as follows:

30-10-601.8. Training - fees - coroner training fund. (3) Each coroner shall complete a minimum of ~~sixteen~~ TWENTY hours of in-service training provided by the Colorado coroners association or by another training provider approved by the C.C.S.T. board during each year of the coroner's term. At the request of a coroner, the C.C.S.T. board may decide that a combination of education, experience, and training satisfies the requirement to complete ~~sixteen~~ TWENTY hours of in-service training annually.

(6) EACH COUNTY CORONER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL CREATE A POLICY FOR THE TRAINING OF DEPUTY CORONERS AND MAKE THE POLICY AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, **add** (4.7) as follows:

24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general. (4.7) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COLORADO CORONERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD AND PERFORM THE DUTIES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 30-10-601.6 (7), C.R.S., RELATING TO THE COLORADO CORONERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD.

SECTION 5. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated to the department of law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the sum of \$3,643, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the provision of legal services for the department of public health and environment related to the implementation of this act. Said sum is from cash funds received from the department of public health and environment out of moneys in the coroner training fund created in section 30-10-601.8 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes.

SECTION 6. Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2014.

SECTION 7. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 6, 2014