

HCS HB 2079 -- STATE CORONERS' TRAINING FUND

SPONSOR: Houx

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 10 to 2.

This bill establishes the "Missouri State Coroners' Training Fund" and creates a \$1 fee for all death certificates issued in the state, which will be deposited into the fund. It also specifies that any amount of money in the fund over \$500,000 shall revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

The bill specifies that, if a coroner is not current on his or her training, the Department of Health and Senior Services can prohibit that coroner from signing any death certificates.

This bill is similar to HB 1049 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this will bring the Coroners' Training Fund into the 21st century as many of the statutes relating to coroners are well over 80 years old. There are many areas in which coroners need more training, and this legislation should help provide that.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Houx and Willie Harlow.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.