



2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 1009

March 9, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives GENRICH, ANDERSON, BERCEAU and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 165.77 (2) (a) 1. d. and 979.01 (3s) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 requiring a coroner or medical examiner to submit to the state crime
3 laboratories DNA samples from certain deceased persons.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires notification of the sheriff, police chief, or medical examiner or coroner of certain deaths, such as deaths in which there are unexplained, unusual, or suspicious circumstances; homicides or suicides; deaths that follow an accident or that are due to poisoning; or deaths for which there was no physician in attendance within 30 days preceding the death. In such deaths, the coroner or medical examiner must take any specimens or other material to help determine the cause of death upon request of a family member of the deceased person.

Under this bill, following such a death, the coroner or medical examiner must, unless a family member objects, submit a biological specimen to the state crime laboratories in the Department of Justice for analysis and inclusion in its data bank.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

