



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-1449/1	Introduction Number	AB-0530	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Reporting deaths; death investigations and other duties of coroners and medical examiners; disposition of bodies; creating a medicolegal investigation examining board; licensure of coroners, medical examiners, and medicolegal investigation staff members; granting rule-making authority; making an appropriation; and providing penalties					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Wisconsin law requires coroners and medical examiners to investigate certain deaths.

This bill requires that additional types of deaths be reported to a coroner or medical examiner and increases the penalty for failure to report a death for which reporting is required. The bill adds requirements for coroners and medical examiners regarding jurisdiction to investigate deaths, autopsy procedures, investigation records, and disposition of bodies. The bill also provides the conditions under which a coroner or medical examiner may obtain access to a deceased's mental health treatment records. Lastly, this bill creates an 11-member Medicolegal Investigation Examining Board in the Department of Safety and Professional Services with training, licensing, and monitoring responsibilities related to coroners, medical examiners, and medicolegal investigators.

This bill will have no fiscal effect on the Department of Health Services or on local health agencies.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications