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1 AN ACT Relating to death investigations in residential facilities
2 operated or under control of the department of social and health
3 services; and adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) If a death occurs in a residential facility operated by or
8 under contract with the department of social and health services, the
9 attorney general shall convene a death investigation team to review the
10 circumstances of the death. The team shall be made up of the following
11 individuals: (a) A representative of local law enforcement; (b) a
12 representative of the local prosecuting attorney's office; (c) an
13 assistant attorney general; (d) a physician licensed under chapter
14 18.71 RCW; (e) the county coroner or medical examiner; and (f) any
15 other individual or individuals the council chooses to select based on
16 the circumstances of the death.

17 (2) The death investigation team shall review each death occurring
18 in a residential facility operated or under contract with the
19 department of social and health services and report its findings and

1 recommendations to the attorney general, the governor, the secretary of
2 the department of social and health services, and the local prosecuting
3 attorney.

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