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FORENSIC PATHOLOGY PROGRAM

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved April 22, 2005.

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5035** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Brandland and Franklin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to forensic pathology; amending RCW 43.103.030 and
2 43.79.445; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 28B.20.426.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington state forensic investigations
5 council shall study and make recommendations to the legislature
6 regarding the need for a state forensic pathologist program. The
7 council may include in its recommendations information regarding the
8 state forensic pathologist's annual salary, budget, and duties.

9 The study and recommendations shall be presented to the legislature
10 by December 1, 2005.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.103.030 and 1999 c 40 s 4 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 There is created the Washington state forensic investigations
14 council. The council shall oversee the bureau of forensic laboratory
15 services and, in consultation with the chief of the Washington state
16 patrol or the chief's designee, control the operation and establish
17 policies of the bureau of forensic laboratory services. The council

1 may also study and recommend cost-efficient improvements to the death
2 investigation system in Washington and report its findings to the
3 legislature.

4 ~~((Further, the council shall, jointly with the chairperson of the
5 pathology department of the University of Washington's School of
6 Medicine, or the chairperson's designee, oversee the state forensic
7 pathology fellowship program, determine the budget for the program and
8 set the fellow's annual salary, and take those steps necessary to
9 administer the program.))~~

10 The forensic investigations council shall be responsible for the
11 oversight of any state forensic pathology program authorized by the
12 legislature.

13 The forensic investigations council shall be actively involved in
14 the preparation of the bureau of forensic laboratory services budget
15 and shall approve the bureau of forensic laboratory services budget
16 prior to its formal submission to the office of financial management
17 pursuant to RCW 43.88.030.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.79.445 and 1997 c 454 s 901 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 There is established an account in the state treasury referred to
21 as the "death investigations account" which shall exist for the purpose
22 of receiving, holding, investing, and disbursing funds appropriated or
23 provided in RCW 70.58.107 and any moneys appropriated or otherwise
24 provided thereafter.

25 Moneys in the death investigations account shall be disbursed by
26 the state treasurer once every year on December 31 and at any other
27 time determined by the treasurer. The treasurer shall make
28 disbursements to: The state toxicology laboratory, counties for the
29 cost of autopsies, ~~((the University of Washington to fund the state
30 forensic pathology fellowship program,))~~ the state patrol for providing
31 partial funding for the state dental identification system, the
32 criminal justice training commission for training county coroners,
33 medical examiners and their staff, and the state forensic
34 investigations council. Funds from the death investigations account
35 may be appropriated during the 1997-99 biennium for the purposes of
36 statewide child mortality reviews administered by the department of
37 health.

1 (~~The University of Washington and the Washington state forensic~~
2 ~~investigations council shall jointly determine the yearly amount for~~
3 ~~the state forensic pathology fellowship program established by RCW~~
4 ~~28B.20.426.~~)

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.20.426 (Fellowship program in
6 forensic pathology--Funding--Recipient's services to county coroners)
7 and 1991 c 176 s 3 & 1986 c 31 s 1 are each repealed.

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