

**691.6A Deputy state medical examiner — creation and duties.**

The position of deputy state medical examiner is created within the office of the state medical examiner. The deputy state medical examiner shall report to and be responsible to the state medical examiner. The deputy state medical examiner shall meet the qualification criteria established in [section 691.5](#) for the state medical examiner and shall be subject to rules adopted by the state medical examiner as provided in [section 691.6, subsection 3](#). The state medical examiner and the deputy state medical examiner shall function as a team, providing peer review as necessary, fulfilling each other's job responsibilities during times of absence, and working jointly to provide services and education to county medical examiners, law enforcement officials, hospital pathologists, and other individuals and entities. The deputy medical examiner may be, but is not required to be, a full-time salaried faculty member of the department of pathology of the university of Iowa college of medicine. If the medical examiner is a full-time salaried faculty member of the department of pathology of the university of Iowa college of medicine, the department of health and human services and the state board of regents shall enter into a [chapter 28E](#) agreement to define the activities and functions of the deputy medical examiner, and to allocate deputy medical examiner costs, consistent with the requirements of [this section](#).

[99 Acts, ch 208, §8, 14; 2001 Acts, ch 74, §21; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1294](#)

Section amended