

**House File 579 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requesting a legislative interim study committee  
2 relating to medical examiner efficiencies.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EXAMINER  
2 EFFICIENCIES.

3 1. The legislative council is requested to establish a study  
4 committee for the 2019 interim relating to medical examiners,  
5 including studying efficiencies in investigating deaths that  
6 require autopsies by a medical examiner.

7 2. The interim committee's review shall include an  
8 evaluation of projected future caseloads for medical examiners  
9 and funding requirements, an examination of opportunities to  
10 foster cooperation and sharing of resources between the state  
11 medical examiner office and county offices, a review of areas  
12 of coverage for all medical examiner offices, and consideration  
13 of methods to better recruit medical examiners to the state.

14 3. The interim committee shall submit its findings and  
15 recommendations to the general assembly for consideration  
16 during the 2020 legislative session.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill requests the legislative council to establish  
21 a legislative study committee for the 2019 interim to study  
22 medical examiners, including studying efficiencies in  
23 investigating deaths that require autopsies by a medical  
24 examiner.