

## **IC 16-35-7**

### **Chapter 7. Deaths of Children**

#### **IC 16-35-7-1**

##### **Sources of funding**

Sec. 1. The state department may receive funds from any source and expend the funds for the administration of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.225-2007, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 16-35-7-2**

##### **Adoption of rules regarding suspicious deaths of children**

Sec. 2. The state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 requiring hospitals and physicians to identify suspicious deaths of children who are less than eighteen (18) years of age.

*As added by P.L.225-2007, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 16-35-7-3**

##### **Adoptions of rules regarding certification of child death pathologists**

Sec. 3. (a) The medical licensing board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to certify a child death pathologist and to require special training to conduct autopsies on child fatalities.

(b) A child death pathologist must be a physician:

(1) who is certified by the American Board of Pathology in forensic pathology;

(2) who is certified in anatomic pathology by:

(A) the American Board of Pathology; or

(B) another certifying organization that:

(i) is comparable to the American Board of Pathology in its adherence to nationally or internationally recognized certification standards; and

(ii) has been approved and recognized by the medical licensing board;

and has received special training in the area of child fatalities that has been approved by the medical licensing board; or

(3) who has received certification in the area of forensic pathology or child death pathology by a certifying organization that:

(A) is comparable to the American Board of Pathology in its adherence to nationally or internationally recognized certification standards; and

(B) that has been approved and recognized by the medical licensing board.

(c) The medical licensing board may approve an annual training program or provide a training program for pathologists concerning new procedures for child death investigations for physicians who want to become child death pathologists under subsection (b)(2). In approving or providing a training program, the medical licensing board shall consult and coordinate with pathologists who have received:

(1) certification in forensic pathology by the American Board of Pathology; or

(2) a comparable certification in forensic pathology.

*As added by P.L.225-2007, SEC.1.*