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DIGEST

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Present law requires the coroner to perform or cause to be performed an autopsy in all cases of infants under the age of one year who die unexpectedly without explanation.

Proposed law expands the requirement to children under the age of 15 who die unexpectedly without explanation.

Present law requires the autopsies to include microscopic and toxicology studies.

Proposed law additionally requires a review of the child's immunization records through the state immunization registry.

Proposed law requires the coroner to document in the autopsy report any immunizations administered to the child within 90 days before the child's death.

Present law requires the coroner to notify the director of the parish health unit if he finds that the cause of death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Proposed law requires the coroner to report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health's Sudden Unexpected Infant Death and Sudden Death in the Young Case Registry if he finds that the cause of death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome, or Sudden Death in the Young.

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