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3 **Title:** Required Training for Appointed County Medical Examiners

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10 **Referred to:** Reference Committee D

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12 **House Action:**
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15 **Whereas, Michigan state statute requires each county to appoint a**
16 **medical examiner and allows each county to appoint deputy medical examiners**
17 **to investigate deaths that are sudden, unexpected, violent, or occur without**
18 **medical attendance, and**

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20 **Whereas, Michigan state statute requires that county medical examiners**
21 **and deputy medical examiners be physicians licensed to practice medicine in**
22 **Michigan, and**

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24 **Whereas, with the exception of forensic pathologists, the vast majority of**
25 **physicians receive no formal training in medicolegal death investigation during**
26 **medical school or residency, and**

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28 **Whereas, Michigan state statute currently does not require county**
29 **medical examiners or deputy medical examiners to have any medicolegal death**
30 **investigation training, and**

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32 **Whereas, the August 2009 report from the National Academy of Sciences**
33 **entitled “Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward”**
34 **cited insufficient medicolegal death investigation training as a critical**
35 **deficiency affecting medical examiner/coroner systems throughout the United**
36 **States; therefore be it**

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38 **RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation or regulations establishing**
39 **requirements for fundamental medicolegal death investigation training**
40 **applicable to all county medical examiners and deputy medical examiners who**
41 **are not board certified forensic pathologists.**

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44 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**
