

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Fairchild**
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "CORONERS' TRAINING ACT OF 1991; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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12 SECTION 1. Short Title. This act shall be known and cited as the
13 "Coroners' Training Act of 1991".
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15 SECTION 2. To perform the duties of county coroner, a person shall meet
16 the following qualifications:

17 (a) The county coroner and his appointed deputies shall have a high
18 school or equivalent educational degree.

19 (b)(1) All coroners and their appointed deputies shall have completed a
20 forty (40) hours training course conducted by the State of Arkansas within six
21 (6) months of taking office upon their original election to the office of
22 Coroner, or upon any re-election if there has not been a succession of terms.
23 All coroners and their appointed deputies shall attend no less than sixteen
24 (16) hours of additional professional training each year thereafter.

25 (2) At least eight (8) hours of the training shall be conducted
26 at the State Crime Laboratory or the University of Arkansas for Medical
27 Sciences or both.

28 (3) The curriculum for the training mandated herein is to be
29 developed or recognized by representatives from the following agencies and
30 organizations: the Arkansas Coroners Association, or any successor, the
31 Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, the Arkansas State Police, the Arkansas Law
32 Enforcement Training Academy, the University of Arkansas Campus for Medical
33 Sciences, and the Office of Prosecutor Coordinator.

34 (4) Training courses required by this section shall be conducted
35 at times and sites to be determined by the above named organizations and

1 agencies.

2 (5) The organizations and agencies named in this subsection shall
3 appoint a representative by July 1, 1991 to the training curriculum group.
4 The training curriculum developed by the above shall be completed by November
5 1, 1991.

6 (6) The curriculum developed in accordance with this subsection
7 shall be reviewed on a biennial basis, and updated as necessary.

8 (c) In the event of a vacancy in the office of coroner, his successor
9 shall take part in the first available training session.

10 (d) Coroners and their deputies shall be reimbursed by the state at the
11 same per diem and travel reimbursement rate as state employees when attending
12 required training courses. All other expenses, including, but not limited to
13 tuition and fees, shall be paid by the various counties.

14 (e) (1) A coroner who fails to successfully complete the training
15 mandated herein shall not be permitted to perform the duties of coroner.

16 (2) In the event a coroner knowingly and purposefully fails to
17 complete the training as mandated herein, the office shall be considered
18 vacant and a successor appointed in accordance with A.C.A. §14-14-1310.

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20 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
21 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
22 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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24 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
27 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
28 act are declared to be severable.

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30 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
31 hereby repealed.

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