

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

4 **By: Representative Fairchild**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "CORONERS\_ TRAINING ACT OF 1993; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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### **Subtitle**

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"CORONERS\_ TRAINING ACT OF 1993."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 SECTION 1. Short Title. This act shall be known and cited as the  
16 "Coroners\_ Training Act of 1993".

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18 SECTION 2. To perform the duties of county coroner, a person shall meet  
19 the following qualifications:

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

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

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

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

1 Sciences, and the Office of Prosecutor Coordinator.

2 (4) Training courses required by this section shall be conducted  
3 at times and sites to be determined by the above named organizations and  
4 agencies.

5 (5) The organizations and agencies named in this subsection shall  
6 appoint a representative by July 1, 1993 to the training curriculum group.  
7 The training curriculum developed by the above shall be completed by November  
8 1, 1993.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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