

CHAPTER 31

[Senate Bill No. 4521]

DEATH INVESTIGATIONS—FORENSIC PATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

AN ACT Relating to death investigations; amending RCW 43.79.445; adding a new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28B.20 RCW to read as follows:

(1) A fellowship program in forensic pathology is created in the school of medicine at the University of Washington. The program shall provide training for one person per year. The program shall be funded from funds in the death investigation account of the general fund under RCW 43.79.445.

(2) The fellowship recipient, during the period of his or her fellowship, shall be available, as soon as his or her level of expertise warrants it, to the county coroners of the state without charge to perform autopsies, for consultations, and to provide testimony in court.

Sec. 2. Section 18, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 41, chapter 57, Laws of 1985 and RCW 43.79.445 are each amended to read as follows:

There is established an account in the state treasury referred to as the "death investigations' account" which shall exist for the purpose of receiving, holding, investing, and disbursing funds appropriated or provided in section 20, chapter 16, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and any moneys appropriated or otherwise provided thereafter. All earnings of investments of balances in the death investigations' account shall be credited to the general fund.

Moneys in the death investigations' account shall be disbursed by the state treasurer once every year on December 31 and at any other time determined by the treasurer. The above-mentioned entities and individuals may submit billings to the state treasurer prior to December 31. The University of Washington may also submit billings for amounts not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars per twelve-month period for the fellowship program in forensic pathology under section 1 of this 1986 act and the state treasurer shall make such payments for the fellowship program in forensic pathology under section 1 of this 1986 act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Passed the Senate February 12, 1986.

Passed the House March 1, 1986.

Approved by the Governor March 10, 1986.

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