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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	10
NO:	0

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1503, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15.
- 2 Delete page 2.
- 3 Page 3, delete lines 1 through 12.
- 4 Page 3, delete lines 17 through 19.
- 5 Page 3, line 20, delete "2." and insert "1."
- 6 Page 3, line 22, delete "3." and insert "2."
- 7 Page 3, line 25, delete "4." and insert "3."
- 8 Page 4, delete lines 4 through 27.
- 9 Page 5, delete lines 17 through 20.
- 10 Page 5, line 34, delete "of the regional".
- 11 Page 5, line 35, delete "office of the state medical examiner".
- 12 Page 5, delete line 42.
- 13 Delete page 6.
- 14 Page 7, delete lines 1 through 31.

- 1 Page 7, line 41, delete "in the".
- 2 Page 7, line 42, delete "regional office of the state medical
- 3 examiner".
- 4 Page 8, between lines 18 and 19, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 5 **"(e) If a coroner determines an autopsy report described in this**
- 6 **chapter needs to be confidential due to a pending criminal**
- 7 **investigation, the coroner must obtain the approval of the circuit**
- 8 **or superior court of the county to make the report confidential."**
- 9 Page 8, line 27, delete "in the regional office of".
- 10 Page 8, line 28, delete "the state medical examiner".
- 11 Page 8, delete lines 37 through 40.
- 12 Page 8, line 41, delete "(f)" and insert "(e)".
- 13 Page 9, line 9, delete "(g)" and insert "(f)".
- 14 Page 9, line 13, delete "(h)" and insert "(g)".
- 15 Page 9, delete lines 18 through 42.
- 16 Delete pages 10 through 11.
- 17 Page 12, delete lines 1 through 2.
- 18 Page 12, between lines 18 and 19, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 19 "SECTION 14. IC 36-2-14-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2006,
- 20 SECTION 113, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 18. (a) Notwithstanding
- 22 IC 5-14-3-4(b)(1), when a coroner investigates a death, the office of the
- 23 coroner is required to make available for public inspection and copying
- 24 the following:
- 25 (1) The name, age, address, sex, and race of the deceased.
- 26 (2) The address where the dead body was found, or if there is no
- 27 address the location where the dead body was found and, if
- 28 different, the address where the death occurred, or if there is no
- 29 address the location where the death occurred.
- 30 (3) The name of the agency to which the death was reported and
- 31 the name of the person reporting the death.
- 32 (4) The name of any public official or governmental employee
- 33 present at the scene of the death and the name of the person
- 34 certifying or pronouncing the death.
- 35 (5) Information regarding an autopsy (requested or performed)
- 36 limited to the date, the person who performed the autopsy, where
- 37 the autopsy was performed, and a conclusion as to:
- 38 (A) the probable cause of death;

1 (B) the probable manner of death; and

2 (C) the probable mechanism of death.

3 (6) The location to which the body was removed, the person
4 determining the location to which the body was removed, and the
5 authority under which the decision to remove the body was made.

6 (7) The records required to be filed by a coroner under section 6
7 of this chapter and the verdict and the written report required
8 under section 10 of this chapter.

9 (b) A county coroner or a coroner's deputy who receives an
10 investigatory record from a law enforcement agency shall treat the
11 investigatory record with the same confidentiality as the law
12 enforcement agency would treat the investigatory record.

13 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a coroner
14 shall make available a full copy of an autopsy report, other than a
15 photograph, video recording, or audio recording of the autopsy, upon
16 the written request of the next of kin of the decedent or of an insurance
17 company investigating a claim arising from the death of the individual
18 upon whom the autopsy was performed. The insurance company is
19 prohibited from publicly disclosing any information contained in the
20 report beyond that information that may otherwise be disclosed by a
21 coroner under this section. This prohibition does not apply to
22 information disclosed in communications in conjunction with the
23 investigation, settlement, or payment of the claim.

24 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a coroner
25 shall make available a full copy of an autopsy report, other than a
26 photograph, a video recording, or an audio recording of the autopsy,
27 upon the written request of:

28 (1) the director of the division of disability and rehabilitative
29 services established by IC 12-9-1-1;

30 (2) the director of the division of mental health and addiction
31 established by IC 12-21-1-1; or

32 (3) the director of the division of aging established by
33 IC 12-9.1-1-1;

34 in connection with a division's review of the circumstances surrounding
35 the death of an individual who received services from a division or
36 through a division at the time of the individual's death.

37 **(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a**
38 **coroner shall make available a full copy of an autopsy report,**

1 including a photograph, a video recording, or an audio recording
2 of the autopsy, to:
3 (1) the department of child services established by
4 IC 31-25-1-1, including an office of the department located in
5 the county where the death occurred;
6 (2) the statewide child fatality review committee established
7 by IC 31-33-25-6; or
8 (3) a county child fatality review team or regional child
9 fatality review team established under IC 31-33-24-6 by the
10 county or for the county where the death occurred;
11 for purposes of the entities described in subdivisions (1) through
12 (3) conducting a review or an investigation of the circumstances
13 surrounding the death of a child (as defined in IC 31-9-2-13(d)(1))
14 and making a determination whether the death of the child was a
15 result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect."
16 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to HB 1503 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Summers