

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill Summary

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The committee substitute for HB3155 amends the Oklahoma Open Records Act, by allowing the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) to withhold the public release of information in an autopsy report which states the manner of death as homicide, unknown or pending until it is discoverable by law. However, the district attorney of the jurisdiction in which the homicide took place may disclose such information.

The bill also adds new language stating that for autopsy reports providing the "manner of death" as homicide, unknown or pending, the OCME shall release a prepared report of specified information including reference numbers, manner of death and the biographical information of decedent. This report shall also include specified information about the individual notifying the OCME including city, county, date and time of viewing and the date on which the report was filed. .

Fiscal Summary

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The committee substitute for HB3155 revises the Oklahoma Open Records Act to authorize the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to withhold the release of certain information contained in an autopsy report providing the "manner of death" as homicide, unknown or pending until discoverable under law. An exemption is provided for the district attorney of the jurisdiction in which the homicide occurred. The measure also requires the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to prepare a report containing certain information.

Fiscal Analysis

HB3155 in its current form has no significant fiscal impact.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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