



1 physician, shall promptly notify the medical examiner of the  
2 occurrence of all deaths coming to their attention which, pursuant  
3 to the provisions of Sections 931 through 954 of this title, are  
4 subject to investigation, and shall assist in making dead bodies and  
5 related evidence available for investigation. The Chief Medical  
6 Examiner, or designee, shall promptly investigate the death.

7 The scene of a death subject to the provisions of Sections 931  
8 through 954 of this title shall not be disturbed until authorized by  
9 the Chief Medical Examiner, ~~his~~ a designee, or a county medical  
10 examiner, and the representative of any law enforcement agency which  
11 has begun an investigation of the cause of death. Said  
12 authorization may be given by telephone. Nothing in Sections 931  
13 through 954 of this title shall prevent the district attorney or ~~his~~  
14 a designee from authorizing the removal of a body when the removal  
15 is determined by him to be in the public interest and conditions at  
16 the scene are adequately documented and preserved by photographs and  
17 measurements.

18 B. The death of any patient, inmate, ward, or veteran in a  
19 state hospital or other institution, except Oklahoma Medical Center  
20 Hospitals and Clinics thereof, shall be reported by the chief  
21 administrative officer of the hospital or institution or his  
22 designee to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner at the time of  
23 the death and prior to release of the body.

1           1. Within thirty-six (36) hours, a written report shall be  
2 submitted and shall be accompanied by true and correct copies of all  
3 medical records of the hospital or institution concerning the  
4 deceased patient.

5           2. The Chief Medical Examiner shall have the authority to  
6 require production of any records, documents, or equipment or other  
7 items regarding the deceased patient deemed necessary to investigate  
8 the death.

9           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 03-03-2011 -  
12 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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