

# SENATE CHAMBER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

☒ FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. 1

☐ COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

I move to amend Senate Bill No. 1123 (request # 3309), by the attached floor substitute for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

George Burns  
Senator George Burns

I hereby grant permission for the floor substitute to be adopted.

[Signature]  
Senator Rosino, Chair (required)

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Senator Hicks

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Senator Haste

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Senator Pugh

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Senator Daniels

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Senator Simpson

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Senator Dossett (I.A.)

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Senator Standridge

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Senator Garvin

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Senator Young

Senator Treat, President Pro Tempore

Senator McCortney, Majority Floor  
Leader

Note: Health and Human Services committee majority requires six (6) members' signatures.

Burns-BG-FS-SB1123

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(Floor Amendments Only)

Date and Time Filed:

3-9-22

2:38 pm

☐ Untimely

☐ Amendment Cycle Extended

☐ Secondary Amendment

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1123

By: Burns and Hamilton of the  
Senate

and

West (Rick) of the House

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

[ medicolegal investigations - notification of deaths  
- effective date ]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 940, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 940. A. All law enforcement officers and other state  
and county officials shall cooperate with the Chief Medical Examiner  
and all other medical examiners in making investigations required  
pursuant to the provisions of Sections 931 through 954 of this  
title. ~~Said~~ The officials and the physician in attendance of the  
deceased, or other persons when the deceased was unattended by a  
physician, shall promptly notify the medical examiner of the  
occurrence of all deaths coming to their attention which, pursuant  
to the provisions of Sections 931 through 954 of this title, are

1 subject to investigation, and shall assist in making dead bodies and  
2 related evidence available for investigation.

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

14 B. The death of any patient, inmate, ward, or veteran in a  
15 state hospital or other institution shall be reported by the chief  
16 administrative officer of the hospital or institution or his or her  
17 designee to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner at the time of  
18 the death and prior to release of the body.

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

23 2. The Chief Medical Examiner shall have the authority to  
24 require production of any records, documents, or equipment or other

1 items regarding the deceased patient deemed necessary to investigate  
2 the death.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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