

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB3901</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>OSDH: \$142,750</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 3901, as introduced, requires the Commissioner of Health to appoint a full-time psychological examiner to establish a pilot psychological autopsy service. An annual progress report as well as any deliverables will be submitted to the Commissioner to be included in their annual report. The pilot program will be terminated by Nov. 1, 2031, before which a recommendation for permanency or closure of the service must be made by the State Board of Health. The psychological autopsy examiner is authorized to coordinate with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in order to share data and results and establish protocols for psychological autopsies. Other appropriate flows of information may be established. The State Department of Health may make rules as necessary.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 3901 authorizes the Commissioner of Health to appoint a psychological examiner to establish a pilot psychological autopsy service to support suicide prevention efforts and policy decision-making.

The State Department of Health (OSDH) estimates the annual cost for a psychological autopsy examiner at \$142,750, including salary, benefits, and related expenses. HB 3901 would require an additional appropriation of this amount, resulting in a \$142,750 fiscal impact on the state budget.

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**Other Considerations**

None.