

HOUSE BILL NO. 2702

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the investigation of deaths involving a law enforcement officer.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 590.658 and 590.670, to read as follows:

590.658. 1. There is hereby created a board for review of officer-involved deaths.

The board shall be composed of six members as follows:

(1) One retired judge;

(2) A former sheriff, chief of police, deputy sheriff, or deputy chief of police;

(3) An assistant attorney general;

(4) A professor or researcher affiliated with a Missouri university or college who has expertise in the field of criminal law or criminal justice;

(5) A licensed attorney with experience in criminal defense who is in no way involved in prosecuting crimes; and

(6) A former prosecuting attorney or assistant prosecuting attorney who served in that capacity for at least ten years.

2. The members shall be appointed by the attorney general. The initial members shall be appointed to the following terms:

(1) Two members, as determined by the attorney general, for a term that expires on the May first occurring at least two years after the initial appointment;

(2) Two members, as determined by the attorney general, for a term that expires on the May first at least three years after the initial appointment; and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **(3) The last initial member and all other members appointed thereafter shall be**
19 **appointed for four-year terms.**

20 **3. The board shall meet as necessary to perform its duties under section 590.670.**

590.670. 1. Each law enforcement agency shall have a written policy regarding the
2 **handling of deaths involving a law enforcement officer employed by the agency. Each**
3 **policy shall be subject to review and approval by the department of public safety's peace**
4 **officer standards and training commission.**

5 **2. (1) Each agency's written policy shall require utilization of a team of**
6 **investigators consisting of at least three individuals including individuals from at least two**
7 **different law enforcement agencies that do not employ any law enforcement officers**
8 **involved in the death being investigated.**

9 **(2) If the death being investigated is traffic related, the**
10 **agency's written policy shall require the investigative team to use a crash reconstruction**
11 **unit from an agency that does not employ any law enforcement officers involved in the**
12 **death being investigated. The policy shall give preference to using a unit from the state**
13 **highway patrol.**

14 **(3) Each agency's written policy may allow an internal investigation into the death**
15 **if the internal investigation does not interfere with the duties of the team of investigators**
16 **under subdivision (1) of this subsection.**

17 **(4) Each agency's written policy shall require any officer involved in a death to**
18 **submit a blood sample. No person shall perform any analysis or test on the blood sample**
19 **without either the permission of the officer who submitted the sample or a search warrant.**
20 **At the conclusion of the investigation of the death, the sample may be destroyed upon court**
21 **approval.**

22 **3. Compensation for participation on a team under subsection 2 of this section shall**
23 **be determined in a manner consistent with mutual-aid agreements under section 44.090.**

24 **4. (1) An investigative team created under subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this**
25 **section shall consult with and report to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the**
26 **death occurred. Except as provided in this subsection, the team shall keep confidential any**
27 **material and information related to the death and the investigation.**

28 **(2) The prosecuting attorney shall release the results of any report made under**
29 **subdivision (1) of this subsection to the board for review of officer-involved deaths created**
30 **under section 590.670.**

31 **(3) An investigative team created under subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this**
32 **section shall respond to requests under subsection 5 of this section from the board for**
33 **review of officer-involved deaths unless the prosecuting attorney restricts the team from**

34 a response due to a court order or because a response could jeopardize the prosecution or
35 investigation of an open case.

36 5. (1) When the board for review of officer-involved deaths receives a report under
37 subdivision (2) of subsection 4 of this section, it shall review the report and evidence to
38 determine if it addresses all aspects of the death. The board for review of officer-involved
39 deaths may request more information, clarification, or testimony from the investigative
40 team that prepared the report.

41 (2) When the board for review of officer-involved deaths finishes its review of the
42 report, it may make recommendations to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which
43 the death occurred and forward the report to any person responsible for disciplining an
44 officer involved.

45 (3) Meetings of the board for review of officer-involved deaths are open to the
46 public, but public comment is closed unless the majority of the board votes to allow public
47 comment.

48 6. When the board for review of officer-involved deaths completes its review of a
49 report under subsection 5 of this section, the attorney general shall release the report and
50 any accompanying written files unless the information is required to be kept confidential
51 under state law.

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