

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 2310-236 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-236 new)

8 Sec. 2310-236. Form of coroner's report; sudden unexpected  
9 infant death and sudden infant death syndrome.

10 (a) The Department shall develop and require the use of a  
11 form by coroners in the case of a death of an infant in which  
12 the cause of death is sudden unexpected infant death or sudden  
13 infant death syndrome. The form shall contain, at minimum, the  
14 following information to be recorded after a preliminary  
15 investigation:

16 (1) The date and time of death.

17 (2) The county of occurrence and the county of the  
18 infant's residence.

19 (3) Relevant demographic details regarding the infant,  
20 such as date of birth and gender.

21 (4) Relevant demographic details regarding the parents  
22 or caretaker of the infant.

23 (5) Relevant details regarding the circumstances of

1 the death, including, but not limited to, who found the  
2 infant, where, and what they did.

3 (6) Relevant details concerning where the infant was  
4 placed, by whom, and in what position.

5 (7) Any additional relevant details concerning the  
6 sleep environment that the infant was placed in and what  
7 environmental factors were present, to the extent that  
8 those factors are ascertainable.

9 (8) Relevant details concerning health hazards present  
10 in the sleep environment, to the extent that those health  
11 hazards are ascertainable.

12 (9) Relevant details concerning the infant's medical  
13 history and previous medical issues.

14 (10) Other information the Department may determine to  
15 be relevant and conducive to understanding and recording  
16 the circumstances of the infant's death.

17 (b) The Department shall publish current information  
18 concerning sudden unexpected infant death and sudden infant  
19 death syndrome.

20 (c) At least once every 5 years, the Department shall  
21 review the form and determine whether updates need to be made  
22 for effectiveness and relevancy.

23 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing  
24 Section 3-3016 as follows:

1 (55 ILCS 5/3-3016) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-3016)

2 Sec. 3-3016. Sudden unexpected infant death and sudden  
3 infant death syndrome. Where an infant under one year ~~2-years~~  
4 of age has died suddenly and unexpectedly and the circumstances  
5 concerning the death are unexplained following investigation,  
6 an autopsy shall be performed by a physician licensed to  
7 practice medicine in all of its branches who has special  
8 training in pathology. When an autopsy is conducted under this  
9 Section, the parents or guardian of the child shall receive a  
10 preliminary report of the autopsy within 5 days of the infant's  
11 death. All suspected sudden unexpected infant death and sudden  
12 infant death syndrome ~~Sudden Infant Death Syndrome~~ cases shall  
13 be reported to the Statewide Sudden Unexpected Infant Death  
14 ~~Syndrome~~ Program within 72 hours.

15 Death certificates shall list the cause of death as sudden  
16 unexpected infant death or sudden infant death syndrome ~~Sudden~~  
17 ~~Infant Death Syndrome~~ where this finding is medically justified  
18 pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Department of  
19 Public Health. Copies of death certificates which list the  
20 cause of death of infants under one year ~~2-years~~ of age as  
21 sudden unexpected infant death or sudden infant death syndrome  
22 ~~Sudden Infant Death Syndrome~~ shall be forwarded to the  
23 Department of Public Health within 30 days of the death with a  
24 report which shall include an autopsy report, epidemiological  
25 data required by the Department and other pertinent data.

26 (Source: P.A. 86-962.)