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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes that coroners
3 play an essential role in not only the investigation of deaths
4 and the compassionate notification of families of deceased
5 persons but also in saving lives through tracking patterns of
6 deaths and coordination with organ procurement agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, Coroners, as elected officials, are not required
8 to have any medical or death investigatory experience and come
9 from a variety of different professional backgrounds and skill
10 sets that provide them with varying levels of expertise
11 related to their position; and

12 WHEREAS, The Coroner Training Board was established in
13 large part to create and maintain minimum standards for
14 coroner training, provide appropriate certifications, and
15 review and approve training curriculums for all coroners; and

16 WHEREAS, The Coroner Training Board is currently comprised
17 of five members, four of which were appointed in 2016 and are
18 currently serving on expired terms; and

19 WHEREAS, The Coroner Training Board website is filled with
20 broken links and, of all of their reported board meetings
21 since January 1, 2022, meetings have lasted on average just 37

1 minutes, with no meeting lasting longer than one hour; and

2 WHEREAS, The Coroner Training Board received \$460,000 for
3 operations, including the development and implementation of
4 training opportunities in the FY25 budget, and collects
5 supplemental fees from coroners who attend training
6 opportunities; and

7 WHEREAS, New coroners, regardless of their backgrounds or
8 expertise, are only required to attend a 40-hour basic
9 training course once elected; and

10 WHEREAS, Some coroner offices within Illinois have sought
11 additional memberships and training support from national
12 organizations, such as the American Board of Medicolegal Death
13 Investigators, to improve overall training quality for
14 themselves and their staffs; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we direct the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit
18 of the Illinois Coroner Training Board's administration of the
19 Coroner Training Board Act, including its creation,
20 implementation, and execution of basic and continuing
21 education training for coroners; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Coroner Training Board
2 and any other State agency, entity, or person that may have
3 information relevant to this audit to cooperate fully and
4 promptly with the Auditor General's Office in its conduct of
5 this audit; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we direct the Auditor General to commence
7 this audit as soon as possible and report his findings and
8 recommendations upon completion in accordance with the
9 provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 delivered to the Auditor General and the Illinois Coroner
13 Training Board.