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HOUSE BILL 16-1406

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REIMBURSEMENTS OF  
102 EXPENSES OF COUNTY CORONERS, AND, IN CONNECTION  
103 THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill directs the department of corrections (department) to reimburse a county for reasonable and necessary expenses of investigations and autopsies performed by the county coroner on persons in the custody of the department.

The bill appropriates \$32,175 from the general fund to the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

department.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 30-10-623 as  
3 follows:

4           **30-10-623. Department of corrections - reimbursement for**  
5 **expenses of coroner.** THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, FROM  
6 APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SHALL REIMBURSE A  
7 COUNTY FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY COSTS INCURRED BY THE  
8 COUNTY CORONER RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS OR COMPLETE AUTOPSIES  
9 PERFORMED ON PERSONS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 CORRECTIONS. COSTS MAY INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION, REFRIGERATION,  
11 AND BODY BAGS. THE COUNTY SHALL CERTIFY THESE COSTS TO THE  
12 DEPARTMENT, AND, UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
13 THE DEPARTMENT OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, THE  
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY THE COSTS.

15           **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2016-17 state fiscal year,  
16 \$32,175 is appropriated to the department of corrections for use by the  
17 executive director's office subprogram. This appropriation is from the  
18 general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this  
19 appropriation for reimbursement of coroners for investigations and  
20 autopsies.

21           **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2016.

22           **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.