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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Stewart) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 406.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

406.12 Duty to report; prohibited acts.—

(1) It is the duty of any person in the district where a  
death occurs, including all municipalities and unincorporated  
and federal areas, who becomes aware of the death of any person



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11 occurring under the circumstances described in s. 406.11 to  
12 report such death and circumstances forthwith to the district  
13 medical examiner or to a law enforcement agency having  
14 jurisdiction over the location.

15 (2) Any person who knowingly fails or refuses to report  
16 such death and circumstances as required under subsection (1)  
17 or who refuses to make available prior medical or other  
18 information pertinent to the death investigation commits a  
19 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
20 775.082 or s. 775.083.

21 (3) Any person, ~~or~~ who, with the intent to conceal such  
22 death or to alter the evidence or circumstances surrounding such  
23 death:

24 (a) Violates subsection (2); or

25 (b) Without an order from the office of the district  
26 medical examiner, willfully touches, removes, or disturbs the  
27 body, clothing, or any article upon or near the body, ~~with the~~  
28 ~~intent to alter the evidence or circumstances surrounding the~~  
29 ~~death, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first~~

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31 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
32 s. 775.082, ~~or~~ s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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36 And the title is amended as follows:

37 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
38 and insert:

39 A bill to be entitled



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40 An act relating to duties and prohibited acts  
41 associated with death; amending s. 406.12, F.S.;  
42 authorizing that a report regarding specified deaths  
43 and circumstances be made to a certain law enforcement  
44 agency in addition to the district medical examiner;  
45 increasing the criminal penalty for persons who fail  
46 or refuse to report a death or who refuse to make  
47 available certain information with the intent to  
48 conceal the death or alter the evidence and  
49 circumstances surrounding the death; increasing the  
50 criminal penalty for persons who willfully touch,  
51 remove, or disturb a body without an order from the  
52 office of the district medical examiner with the  
53 intent to conceal the death or alter the evidence and  
54 circumstances surrounding the death; providing an  
55 effective date.