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House Bill 5225 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Paul Condino  
House Committee: Health Policy  
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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 181 of 1953, which governs county medical examiners, to require the Department of Community Health (DCH) to promulgate rules concerning situations in which a child under the age of two dies of an unknown cause. The bill also would give deputy county medical examiners the same powers as county medical examiners under these circumstances.

Specifically, the DCH would have to promulgate rules and regulations under the Act to promote consistency and accuracy among county medical examiners and deputy county medical examiners in determining the cause of death. The DCH could adopt, by reference in its rules, all or any part of the "State of Michigan Protocols to Determine Cause and Manner of Sudden and Unexplained Child Deaths", published by the Michigan Child Death Review Program.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Department would incur increased staff time and other costs related to the rule promulgation process as a result of this bill.

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