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HB 106 Morticians and Funeral Directors- Apprenticeships

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WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

Under current law, an individual serving as an apprentice at a funeral establishment must participate in funerals, assist in preparation and embalming of bodies and complete 1000 hours under the direct supervision of a licensed mortician. The individual may not serve as an apprentice until completing two-thirds of the academic credits in a mortuary science program in an accredited school.

This bill modifies education requirements to acquire a mortician or funeral director apprentice license. The bill allows an individual to become an apprentice if enrolled in or has graduated from a mortuary science program and eliminates the completion of two-thirds of the academic credits.

WHAT IS THE NEED FOR THE BILL?

This bill will allow individuals the potential to gain employment as an apprentice much earlier, and to earn money while in school or after graduation. It will also allow them to determine at an early stage whether they like the funeral direction, and wish to continue education in the field. An apprenticeship with a funeral establishment will still be under the direct supervision of a licensed mortician.