



HF 312 – Cold Case Unit (LSB1946HV)

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Description

[House File 312](#) establishes a Cold Case Investigation Task Force within the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The Task Force is tasked, within its capabilities, with conducting criminal investigations after an initial criminal investigation has been completed by law enforcement. The Task Force is to focus on investigations involving unsolved murders, missing children, and missing adults and must be comprised of law enforcement officers from various law enforcement agencies.

The Bill requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to hire at least 2.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to the Cold Case Investigation Task Force.

Background

Currently, no specific unit within the DPS is assigned to handle existing cold cases. At this time, the Major Crimes Unit (MCU) takes responsibility for investigating cold cases as time and resources allow.

Assumptions

Due to the complex nature of cold case investigations, the DPS will need to hire at the position classification level of Special Agent. In order to investigate cold cases, significant crime-solving experience is needed.

The DPS will hire 2.0 Special Agent FTE positions to be assigned to the Cold Case Investigation Task Force. **Table 1** provides a breakdown of the cost for one Special Agent FTE position for two years, including salary and benefit details.

Table 1: Cost of 1.0 Special Agent FTE Position, FY 2022 – FY 2023

	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>
Salary and Benefits	\$ 91,000	\$ 91,000
Estimated Overtime	10,700	10,700
Vehicle	38,200	3,000
Weapons/Related Accessories	2,450	200
Technology	4,140	800
Training	5,000	5,000
Uniform/Miscellaneous	3,100	N/A
Total	<u>\$ 154,590</u>	<u>\$ 110,700</u>

The DPS estimates that it will be able to fully onboard the Special Agent positions assigned to the Task Force early FY 2022.

Fiscal Impact

House File 312 will increase the cost to the DPS by an estimated \$309,180 in FY 2022 and \$221,400 in FY 2023.

Sources

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Legislative Services Agency

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