

House File 312 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 63)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the establishment of a cold case
- 2 investigation task force within the department of public
- 3 safety.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.31 Cold case investigation task
2 force.

3 1. A state cold case investigation task force, comprised of
4 law enforcement officers from various law enforcement agencies,
5 is created under the control, direction, and supervision of the
6 commissioner. The task force shall, within the capabilities
7 of the task force, conduct criminal investigations after
8 an initial criminal investigation has been completed by
9 the law enforcement agency conducting the initial criminal
10 investigation. The task force shall focus on investigations
11 related to unsolved murders, missing children, and missing
12 adults.

13 2. The commissioner shall hire at least two full-time task
14 force personnel to the cold case investigation task force.

15 3. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with
16 chapter 17A to administer this section.

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EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill establishes a cold case investigation task force
21 within the department of public safety.

22 The bill provides that a state cold case task force is
23 created under the control, direction, and supervision of the
24 commissioner of public safety. The cold case investigation
25 task force shall, within the capabilities of the task force,
26 conduct criminal investigations after an initial criminal
27 investigation has been completed by the law enforcement agency
28 conducting the initial criminal investigation. The task force
29 shall be comprised of law enforcement officers from various law
30 enforcement agencies. The bill specifies that the task force
31 shall focus on investigations related to unsolved murders,
32 missing children, and missing adults.

33 The bill provides that the commissioner shall hire at
34 least two full-time task force personnel to the cold case
35 investigation task force, and the department of public safety

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1 shall adopt rules to administer the provisions of the bill.