

**Senate File 2234 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2234  
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2103)

**A BILL FOR**

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.31 Cold case investigation unit.

2 1. A state cold case investigation unit is created under  
3 the control, direction, and supervision of the commissioner.  
4 The commissioner may assign the cold case investigation unit  
5 to a division or bureau within the department. The unit  
6 shall, within the capabilities of the unit, conduct criminal  
7 investigations after an initial criminal investigation has been  
8 completed by the law enforcement agency conducting the initial  
9 criminal investigation. The unit shall focus on investigations  
10 related to unsolved murders, missing children, and missing  
11 adults presumed to be deceased.

12 2. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with  
13 chapter 17A to administer this section.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill establishes a cold case investigation unit within  
18 the department of public safety.

19 The bill provides that the commissioner of public safety  
20 may assign the cold case investigation unit to a division or  
21 bureau within the department. Under the bill, the cold case  
22 investigation unit shall, within the capabilities of the unit,  
23 conduct criminal investigations after an initial criminal  
24 investigation has been completed by the law enforcement agency  
25 conducting the initial criminal investigation. The bill  
26 specifies that the unit shall focus on investigations related  
27 to unsolved murders, missing children, and missing adults  
28 presumed to be deceased.

29 The bill provides that the department of public safety shall  
30 adopt rules to administer the provisions of the bill.