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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Brumsted of Shelburne,
Devereux of Mount Holly, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of
Richmond, Hubert of Milton, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair
of Barre Town, and Townsend of South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public safety; Vermont State Police; Cold Case Unit; creation

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide the
Department of Public Safety with authorization and funding for at least two
part-time “cold case investigator” positions, to be filled by individuals with
prior law enforcement experience and with expertise in homicide and missing
person investigations.

An act relating to ~~creating a Cold Case Unit within the Vermont State~~
~~Police~~ *creating two temporary, part-time cold case investigator positions*

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

~~(TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT FORM BILLS)~~

*Sec. 1. VERMONT STATE POLICE; COLD CASE INVESTIGATORS,
TEMPORARY, PART-TIME POSITIONS; REPORT*

(a) Two temporary, part-time positions; cold case investigators.

(1) Creation. The following positions are created within the Vermont State Police using existing Department of Public Safety financial resources: two temporary, part-time Cold Case Investigator positions, with each investigator working no more than the equivalent of a 0.4 full-time State employee.

(2) Expertise; duties. The cold case investigators shall be former law enforcement officers with expertise in homicide and missing person investigations and shall have the duty to investigate unsolved crimes and missing persons.

(3) Elimination. These two temporary positions are eliminated effective on July 1, 2020.

(b) Commissioner of Public Safety; report on cold case investigations. Annually, on or before January 15, beginning in the year 2018 and ending in the year 2020, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Appropriations regarding the use of the cold case investigators described in subsection (a) of this section and the Commissioner's recommendations regarding how the State should handle cold case investigations.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.