

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 368 entitled “An act relating to creating a Cold Case Unit within the
4 Vermont State Police” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

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

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

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

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

20 (b) Commissioner of Public Safety; report on cold case investigations.

21 Annually, on or before January 15, beginning in the year 2018 and ending in

1 the year 2020, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall report to the House and
2 Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Appropriations
3 regarding the use of the cold case investigators described in subsection (a) of
4 this section and the Commissioner’s recommendations regarding how the State
5 should handle cold case investigations.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.

8 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating
9 to creating two temporary, part-time cold case investigator positions”

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12 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE