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. 20 V.S.A. § 1916 is added to read:
8	§ 1916. COLD CASE UNIT; UNRESOLVED CASE ACCOUNTABILITY
9	TASK FORCE
10	(a) Cold Case Unit.
11	(1) There is created within the State Police the Cold Case Unit, which
12	shall be exclusively responsible for investigating unsolved crimes and missing
13	persons.
14	(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall appoint the investigators of
15	the Cold Case Unit. These investigators shall be former law enforcement
16	officers with expertise in homicide and missing person investigations.
17	(b) Unresolved Case Accountability Task Force.
18	(1) There is created within the State Police the Unresolved Case
19	Accountability Task Force (UCA), which shall be directed by the State Police
20	Criminal Division Commander or designee

1	(2) The UCA shall comprise persons representing the offices of
2	Attorney General, State's Attorney, and Major Crime Unit Commanders, as
3	well as individuals appointed by the Commissioner who have expertise related
4	to cold cases.
5	(3) The UCA shall analyze cold cases being investigated by the Cold
6	Case Unit in order to make recommendations regarding an investigative plan
7	that could be implemented by the cold case investigators.
8	Sec. 2. VERMONT STATE POLICE; COLD CASE UNIT; COLD CASE
9	INVESTIGATORS, POSITIONS CREATION; STATE POLICE,
10	POSITION ELIMINATION
11	(a) The following positions are created within the Vermont State Police:
12	two part-time exempt cold case investigators.
13	(b) One full-time vacant State Police position is eliminated.
14	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES
15	(a) Sec. 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
16	(b) This section and Sec. 2 shall take effect on passage.
17	(Committee vote:)
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19	Representative
20	FOR THE COMMITTEE