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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0047

Chapter No.: 86

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Cold case database and investigations.**

Has Report: Yes

Subject: Law enforcement.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Division of Criminal Investigation to develop and maintain a cold case database.
 - A “cold case” is defined to mean a homicide or felony sexual offense that remains unsolved for two (2) years or more after being reported to a law enforcement agency.
 - The Division is required to adopt rules specifying the information for each cold case that must be collected from law enforcement agencies in the state and maintained in the database.
 - Each law enforcement agency in the state that has a cold case committed or reported on or after January 1, 1972 must provide to the Division the information specified by rule of the Division for inclusion in the database.

Comments:

- This act contains an appropriation: one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the Office of the Attorney General to be expended to develop a cold case database; any remaining funds must be used to investigate cold cases.
- This act requires a report: not later than October 15, 2024, the Office of the Attorney General must report to the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee on the status of the cold case database.

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