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HOUSE BILL 26-1185

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE COLD CASE TASK FORCE,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE**
103 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY**
104 **AGENCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 2025 SUNSET REPORT,**
105 **INCLUDING AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE**
106 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO APPOINT ADDITIONAL**
107 **MEMBERS TO THE TASK FORCE, CONTINUING THE TASK FORCE**
108 **FOR THIRTEEN YEARS, AND CHANGING THE TYPE OF SUNSET**
109 **REVIEW THAT IS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Sunset Process - House Judiciary Committee. The department of regulatory agencies (DORA) conducted a sunset review of the cold case task force (task force) in the department of public safety (department) and recommended:

- Authorizing the executive director of the department to appoint additional task force members;
- Extending the task force until September 1, 2039; and
- Changing the type of sunset review that is performed by DORA.

The bill implements DORA's recommendations.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-109, **amend**
3 (2) introductory portion, (2)(h), (2)(i), (3)(a), and (9); and **add** (2)(j) as
4 follows:

5 **24-33.5-109. Cold case task force - creation - rules - repeal.**

6 (2) The task force ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of ~~sixteen members,~~ as
7 ~~follows~~ THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

8 (h) Two representatives from victims' families who ~~shall be~~ ARE
9 appointed by the president of the senate; and

10 (i) A forensic pathologist who is appointed by the governor; AND

11 (j) ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE
12 DIRECTOR AND HAS SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN RELEVANT
13 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.

14 (3) (a) The members of the task force appointed pursuant to
15 subsections (2)(c) to ~~(2)(i)~~ (2)(j) of this section ~~shall~~ serve terms of three
16 years; except that the terms shall be staggered so that no more than a
17 minimum majority of the appointed members' terms expire in the same
18 year.

1 (9) (a) This section is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2026~~
2 SEPTEMBER 1, 2039.

3 (b) Before its repeal, the department of regulatory agencies shall
4 review the task force in accordance with ~~section 24-34-104~~ SECTION
5 2-3-1203.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
7 (27)(a)(X) as follows:

8 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
9 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
10 **declaration - repeal.**

11 (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
12 for repeal on September 1, 2026:

13 (X) ~~The cold case task force created in section 24-33.5-109;~~

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add** (27)
15 as follows:

16 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**
17 **declaration - definition - repeal.**

18 (27) (a) THE FOLLOWING STATUTORY AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE
19 DESIGNATED ADVISORY COMMITTEES WILL REPEAL ON SEPTEMBER 1,
20 2039:

21 (I) THE COLD CASE TASK FORCE CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-109.

22 (b) THIS SUBSECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2041.

23 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
26 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
27 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the

1 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
2 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
3 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
4 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.