

CHAPTER 63**(HB 551)**

AN ACT relating to cold cases.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) *For purposes of this section:*

(a) *"Cold case" means an unsolved criminal investigation;*

(b) *"Law enforcement agency" means any police department of a local government or sheriff's department; and*

(c) *"Local government" means any city, county, charter county government, consolidated local government, urban-county government, or unified local government.*

(2) *Any law enforcement agency may contract with a retired peace officer when:*

(a) 1. *New information concerning a cold case involving homicide is brought to the attention of the law enforcement agency; or*

2. *The law enforcement agency wishes to conduct a review of its cold cases involving homicide; and*

(b) *The retired peace officer could provide unique expertise or knowledge that would aid in solving a cold case.*

(3) *A retired peace officer contracted with pursuant to this section shall not be considered a peace officer for purposes of the contracted work and shall not exercise peace officer powers.*

(4) *Any compensation received by a retired peace officer under this section shall not be considered creditable compensation for any retirement system the retired peace officer participates in that is authorized under the Kentucky Revised Statutes.*

Signed by Governor April 4, 2024.