

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of State Police Human Remains Identification

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Evans

On April 25th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Police to the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of up to \$600,000 to assist with human remains identification.

The Missing and Unidentified Human Remains program provides funds to inventory, report, identify, and potentially repatriate unidentified human remains. This is a competitive grant and there is expected to be three project awards. If successful, the Department would utilize these funds to address a backlog of unidentified remains cases currently housed at the State Medical Examiners facility. There is no state match requirement.

The grant application was due April 18th. The Department submitted an application request to the Legislature on April 6th, however due to legislative scheduling conflicts, the grants did not receive a work session prior to the application deadline, making this a retroactive approval.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.