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Overview

This bill proposes several initiatives intended to improve the investigation of missing persons and the process of identifying unidentified bodies.

Section

- 1 Missing Person Report.** Requires the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where a missing person was last seen to accept a missing person report. In the alternative, the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the location of the missing person's last known address must accept the report.
- 2 Missing Persons, Unidentified Bodies; Records and Data Backlog; Appropriation.**
 - Subd. 1. BCA Backlog.** Requires the Superintendent of the BCA to coordinate with other stakeholders to reduce the state's reporting, data entry, and record keeping backlog relating to missing persons and unidentified bodies.
 - Subd. 2. Report to Legislature.** Requires the Superintendent of the BCA to file a report with the legislature detailing (1) the BCA's efforts made under subdivision 1, (2) how the appropriation in subdivision 3 was spent, and (3) recommended changes in law and policy related to missing persons and unidentified bodies.
 - Subd. 3. Appropriation.** Appropriates a blank amount to the BCA to fund subdivisions 1 and 2.
- 3 Model Policy; Report.**

Section

Subd. 1. Model Policy. Directs the Superintendent to develop a model policy to address law enforcement efforts and duties related to missing adults and provide the training necessary to implement the model policy.

Subd. 2. Report. Requires the Superintendent to report to the legislature on the model policy.