

(Pub. L. 117–164, §8, Aug. 3, 2022, 136 Stat. 1360.)

§ 60908. Withholding information

Nothing in this chapter shall require an agency to provide information that would endanger the safety of any person, unreasonably impede an ongoing investigation, violate a court order, or violate legal obligations regarding privacy.

(Pub. L. 117–164, §9, Aug. 3, 2022, 136 Stat. 1360.)

§ 60909. Multiple agencies

In the case that more than one agency conducted the initial investigation of a cold case murder, each agency shall coordinate their case file review or full reinvestigation such that there is only one joint case file review or full reinvestigation occurring at a time in compliance with section 60901(f) or 60903(d) of this title, as applicable.

(Pub. L. 117–164, §10, Aug. 3, 2022, 136 Stat. 1361.)

§ 60910. Applicability

This chapter applies in the case of any cold case murder occurring on or after January 1, 1970.

(Pub. L. 117–164, §11, Aug. 3, 2022, 136 Stat. 1361.)

§ 60911. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) The term “designated person” means an immediate family member or someone similarly situated, as defined by the Attorney General.

(2) The term “immediate family member” means a parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandparent-in-law, sibling, spouse, child, or step-child of a murder victim.

(3) The term “victim” means a natural person who died as a result of a cold case murder.

(4) The term “murder” means any criminal offense under section 1111(a) of title 18 or any offense the elements of which are substantially identical to such section.

(5) The term “agency” means a Federal law enforcement entity with jurisdiction to engage in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of a cold case murder.

(6) The term “cold case murder” means a murder—

(A) committed more than three years prior to the date of an application by a designated person under section 60901(a) of this title;

(B) previously investigated by a Federal law enforcement entity;

(C) for which all probative investigative leads have been exhausted; and

(D) for which no likely perpetrator has been identified.

(Pub. L. 117–164, §12, Aug. 3, 2022, 136 Stat. 1361.)

§ 60912. Annual report

(a) In general

Each agency shall submit an annual report to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the Senate describing actions taken and results achieved under this chapter during the previous year.

(b) Report described

The report described in subsection (a) shall include—

(1) the number of written applications filed with the agency pursuant to section 60901(a) of this title;

(2) the number of extensions granted, and an explanation of reasons provided under section 60901(h) of this title;

(3) the number of full reinvestigations initiated and closed pursuant to section 60903 of this title; and

(4) statistics and individualized information on topics that include identified suspects, arrests, charges, and convictions for reviews under section 60901 of this title and reinvestigations under section 60903 of this title.

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