

By Senator Ingoglia

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Rapid DNA Grant Program;
3 creating s. 943.324, F.S.; creating the Rapid DNA
4 Grant Program within the Department of Law Enforcement
5 for county jails or sheriffs' offices; requiring the
6 department to annually award grant funds to county
7 jails or sheriffs' offices; providing funding
8 requirements; authorizing the department to establish
9 criteria and set specific time periods for the
10 acceptance of applications and the selection process
11 for awarding grant funds; providing an appropriation;
12 providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Section 943.324, Florida Statutes, is created to
17 read:

18 943.324 Rapid DNA Grant Program for county jails or
19 sheriffs' offices.-

20 (1) There is created within the department the Rapid DNA
21 Grant Program to award grants to county jails or sheriffs'
22 offices to support local law enforcement agencies in the
23 processing and expediting of DNA samples as defined in, and in
24 support of the statewide DNA database under, s. 943.325.

25 (2) The department shall annually award to county jails or
26 sheriffs' offices funds received from the Federal Government and
27 any funds specifically appropriated for the grant program to
28 cover all expenses, including for the purchasing of DNA testing
29 machines and other necessary supplies. Grants must be provided

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30 to county jails or sheriffs' offices if funds are appropriated
31 for that purpose by law. The total amount of grants awarded may
32 not exceed funding appropriated for the grant program.

33 (3) The department may establish criteria and set specific
34 time periods for the acceptance of applications and for the
35 selection process for awarding grant funds.

36 Section 2. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of
37 \$200,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
38 Revenue Fund to the Department of Law Enforcement for the
39 purpose of implementing the Rapid DNA Grant Program under s.
40 943.324, Florida Statutes.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.