

By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice;
and 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 effective date.
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Section 943.324, Florida Statutes, is created to
16 read:

17 943.324 Rapid DNA Grant Program for county jails or
18 sheriffs' offices.—

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

24 (2) The department shall annually award to county jails or
25 sheriffs' offices any funds specifically appropriated for the
26 grant program to cover expenses related to the purchasing of DNA
27 testing machines and other necessary supplies. Grants must be
28 provided to county jails or sheriffs' offices if funds are
29 appropriated for that purpose by law. The total amount of grants

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30 awarded may not exceed funding appropriated for the grant
31 program.

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

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.