

A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the forensic genetic genealogy grants; creating s. 943.327, F.S.; providing definitions; creating the Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program within the Department of Law Enforcement; specifying potential recipients; providing purposes for the grants; requiring a report from each recipient within a certain timeframe; specifying contents of the report; providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 943.327, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

943.327 Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Forensic investigative genetic genealogy" means the combined application of laboratory testing, genetic genealogy, and law enforcement investigative techniques.

(b) "Genetic genealogy" has the same meaning as in s. 119.071(2)(r)1.

(2) There is created within the department the Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program to award grants to

26 statewide and local law enforcement agencies and medical
27 examiner's offices to support those agencies and offices in the
28 processing of DNA samples and in conducting any associated
29 genetic genealogy research as specified under subsection (4).

30 (3) The department shall annually award to statewide and
31 local law enforcement agencies and medical examiner's offices
32 any funds specifically appropriated for the grant program to
33 cover expenses related to using forensic investigative genetic
34 genealogy to generate investigative leads for criminal
35 investigations of violent crimes and to aid in the
36 identification of unidentified human remains.

37 (4) Grants may be used in accordance with department rule
38 for any of the following purposes:

39 (a) The analysis of DNA samples to generate profiles that
40 have a minimum of 100,000 markers and that are compatible with
41 genetic genealogical databases that permit law enforcement use
42 and searching.

43 (b) The use of forensic investigative genetic genealogy to
44 solve violent crimes and to identify unidentified human remains.

45 (5) Each grant recipient must provide to the executive
46 director a report no later than 1 year after receipt of funding
47 under the grant program. This report must include all of the
48 following:

49 (a) The amount of funding received.

50 (b) The number and type of cases pursued using forensic

51 investigative genetic genealogy.

52 (c) The type of forensic investigative genetic genealogy
 53 methods used, including the name of the laboratory to which any
 54 testing was outsourced, if applicable, the technology employed,
 55 the name of the genetic genealogy database used, and the
 56 identity of the entity conducting any genetic genealogical
 57 research.

58 (d) The results of the DNA testing including whether or
 59 not testing was sufficiently successful to permit genetic
 60 genealogy database searching and the results of any such
 61 searching and any additional genealogical research, such as
 62 decendent identification, perpetrator identification, or no
 63 identification.

64 (e) The amount of time it took to make an identification
 65 or to determine no identification could be made.

66 (6) The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
 67 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement and administer this section
 68 and to establish the process for the allocation of grant funds.

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.