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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Bradley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

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 "investigative  
genetic genealogy" means the combined application of laboratory



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11 testing, genetic genealogy and law enforcement investigative  
12 techniques to develop investigative leads in unsolved violent  
13 crimes and provide investigative leads as to the identity of  
14 unidentified human remains. Such methods must be in accordance  
15 with department rule and compatible with multiple genealogical  
16 databases which is available for law enforcement use for the  
17 purposes described in this section. For purposes of this grant  
18 program, funding is intended for developing genealogy DNA  
19 profiles consisting of 100,000 or more markers.

20 (2) There is created within the department the Forensic  
21 Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program to award grants to  
22 statewide and local law enforcement agencies and medical  
23 examiner's offices to support those agencies and offices in the  
24 processing of DNA samples as specified under subsection (4).

25 (3) The department shall annually award to statewide and  
26 local law enforcement agencies and medical examiner's offices  
27 any funds specially appropriated for the grant program to cover  
28 expenses related to using forensic investigative genetic  
29 genealogy methods to generate investigative leads for criminal  
30 investigations of violent crimes and to aid in the  
31 identification of unidentified human remains.

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

34 (a) The analysis of DNA samples collected under applicable  
35 legal authority using forensic investigative genetic genealogy  
36 methods for solving violent crimes.

37 (b) The analysis of DNA samples of unidentified human  
38 remains.

39 (5) Each grant recipient shall provide to the executive



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40 director a report no later than 1 year after receipt of funding.

41 This report must include all of the following:

42 (a) The amount of annual funding received.

43 (b) The number and type of cases pursued using  
44 investigative genetic genealogy methods.

45 (c) The type of forensic investigative genetic genealogy  
46 methods used, including the name of the laboratory to which such  
47 testing is outsourced, if any, and the identity of the entity  
48 conducting any genetic genealogical research.

49 (d) The result of the testing, such as decedent  
50 identification, perpetrator identification, or no  
51 identification.

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

54 (6) The department may adopt rules pursuant to s.  
55 120.536(1), and s. 120.54, to implement and administer this  
56 section, and to allocate funds.

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

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59 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

60 And the title is amended as follows:

61 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
62 and insert:

63 A bill to be entitled  
64 An act relating to Forensic Investigative Genetic  
65 Genealogy Grant Program; creating section 943.327;  
66 defining the term "investigative genetic genealogy";  
67 creating the Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant  
68 Program within the Department of Law Enforcement;



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69 specifying potential grant recipients; providing  
70 purposes for the grants; requiring each grant  
71 recipient to provide a report to the executive  
72 director within a certain timeframe; specifying the  
73 required contents of the report; providing rulemaking  
74 authority; providing an effective date.