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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to forensic genetic genealogy grants;
3 creating s. 943.327, F.S.; defining the term "forensic
4 genetic genealogy methods"; creating the Forensic
5 Genetic Genealogy Grant Program within the Department
6 of Law Enforcement; specifying potential grant
7 recipients; providing purposes for the grants;
8 requiring each grant recipient to provide a report to
9 the executive director within a certain timeframe;
10 specifying the required contents of the report;
11 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 943.327, Florida Statutes, is created to
16 read:

17 943.327 Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grant Program.—

18 (1) As used in this section, the term "forensic genetic
19 genealogy methods" means any technology used in a forensic
20 laboratory capable of producing a forensic genealogy profile
21 with a minimum of 100,000 markers and compatible with multiple
22 genealogical databases which is available for law enforcement
23 use for the purposes described in this section.

24 (2) There is created within the department the Forensic
25 Genetic Genealogy Grant Program to award grants to law
26 enforcement agencies or medical examiner's offices to support
27 local law enforcement agencies in the processing of DNA samples
28 as specified under subsection (4).

29 (3) The department shall annually award to law enforcement

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30 agencies or medical examiner's offices any funds specially
31 appropriated for the grant program to cover expenses related to
32 using forensic genetic genealogy methods to generate
33 investigative leads for criminal investigations or unidentified
34 human remains.

35 (4) Grants may be used for any of the following purposes:

36 (a) Carrying out DNA analyses of samples collected under
37 applicable legal authority using forensic genetic genealogy
38 methods for violent crimes.

39 (b) Carrying out DNA analyses of unidentified human
40 remains.

41 (5) Each grant recipient shall provide to the executive
42 director a report no later than 1 year after receipt of funding.
43 This report must include all of the following:

44 (a) The amount of annual funding received.

45 (b) The number of cases tested using forensic genetic
46 genealogical DNA analysis.

47 (c) The type of forensic genetic genealogical DNA testing
48 used, including the name of the laboratory to which such testing
49 is outsourced, if any, and the type of equipment used for the
50 testing.

51 (d) The result of the testing, such as victim
52 identification, perpetrator identification, or no
53 identification.

54 (e) The average amount of time it took to make each such
55 identification or to determine no identification could be made.

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