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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to the Forensic Investigative Genetic  
3 Genealogy Grant Program; creating s. 943.327, F.S.;  
4 defining the term "investigative genetic genealogy";  
5 requiring that certain methods be in accordance with  
6 Department of Law Enforcement rules and compatible  
7 with certain databases; specifying the intent for  
8 certain funding; creating the Forensic Investigative  
9 Genetic Genealogy Grant Program within the Department  
10 of Law Enforcement; specifying potential grant  
11 recipients; providing purposes for the grants under  
12 the program; requiring each grant recipient to provide  
13 a report to the executive director within a certain  
14 timeframe; specifying the required contents of the  
15 report; providing rulemaking authority; providing an  
16 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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

22 943.327 Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant  
23 Program.—

24 (1) As used in this section, the term "forensic  
25 investigative genetic genealogy" means the combined application  
26 of laboratory testing, genetic genealogy, and law enforcement  
27 investigative methods to develop investigative leads in unsolved  
28 violent crimes and provide investigative leads as to the  
29 identity of unidentified human remains. Such methods must be in

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30 accordance with department rule and compatible with multiple  
31 genealogical databases that are available for law enforcement  
32 use for the purposes described in this section. For purposes of  
33 the grant program created in this section, funding is intended  
34 to be used for developing genealogy DNA profiles consisting of  
35 100,000 or more markers.

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

41 (3) The department shall annually award to statewide and  
42 local law enforcement agencies and medical examiner's offices  
43 any funds specially appropriated for the grant program to cover  
44 expenses related to using forensic investigative genetic  
45 genealogy methods to generate investigative leads for criminal  
46 investigations of violent crimes and to aid in the  
47 identification of unidentified human remains.

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

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

53 (b) The analysis of DNA samples of unidentified human  
54 remains.

55 (5) Each grant recipient shall provide to the executive  
56 director a report no later than 1 year after receipt of funding  
57 under the grant program. The report must include all of the  
58 following:

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- 59        (a) The amount of funding received.
- 60        (b) The number and type of cases pursued using forensic  
61 investigative genetic genealogy methods.
- 62        (c) The type of forensic investigative genetic genealogy  
63 methods used, including the name of the laboratory to which such  
64 testing was outsourced, if any, and the identity of the entity  
65 conducting any genetic genealogical research.
- 66        (d) The result of the testing, such as decedent  
67 identification, perpetrator identification, or no  
68 identification.
- 69        (e) The amount of time it took to make an identification or  
70 to determine no identification could be made.
- 71        (6) The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
72 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement and administer this section  
73 and to establish the process for the allocation of grant funds.
- 74        Section 2. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of  
75 \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General  
76 Revenue Fund to the Department of Law Enforcement for the  
77 Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program.
- 78        Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.