

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 1131 — Online Sting Operations Grant Program

by Rep. Temple and others (SB 1190 by Senator Ingoglia)

The bill creates s. 943.0411, F.S., establishing the Online Sting Operations Grant Program within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The purpose of the program is to award grants to local law enforcement agencies to support their creation of sting operations to target individuals online who prey upon children or attempt to do so.

The FDLE must annually award to local law enforcement agencies any funds specifically appropriated for the grant program to cover expenses related to computers, electronics, software, and other related necessary supplies.

Grants must be provided to local law enforcement agencies if funds are appropriated for that purpose. The total amount of grants awarded may not exceed funding appropriated for the grant program.

The bill authorizes the FDLE to establish criteria and set specific time periods for the acceptance of applications and for the selection process for awarding grant funds.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0