

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 1105 — Rapid DNA Grant Program

by Judiciary Committee and Rep. Temple and others (CS/SB 1140 by Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice and Senator Ingoglia)

The bill creates s. 943.324, F.S., to establish the Rapid DNA Grant Program within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to award grants to county jails or sheriffs' offices to procure Rapid DNA machines and other necessary supplies required to rapidly process DNA samples in support of the statewide DNA database under s. 943.325, F.S.

The bill requires the FDLE to annually award funds specifically appropriated for the grant program to county jails and sheriffs' offices. The FDLE may establish criteria and set specific time periods for the acceptance of applications and for the selection process for awarding grant funds. The total amount of grants awarded may not exceed funding appropriated for the grant program.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 111-0