HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 7077 (2020)

Amendment No.

	CHAMBER ACTION
	<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>
	•
1	Representative Grant, J. offered the following:
2	
3	Amendment
4	Remove lines 254-313 and insert:
5	of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony <u>and has been sentenced</u>
6	by a court established by the laws of the state on or after July
7	1, 2006, a defendant may petition that court for postsentencing
8	forensic analysis DNA testing under s. 925.11 under the
9	following circumstances:
10	(a) If the person entered a plea before July 1, 2006, the
11	person may petition for forensic analysis under s. 925.11.
12	(b) If the person entered a plea on or after July 1, 2006,
13	but before July 1, 2020, the person may petition for:
(027751
	Approved For Filing: 3/4/2020 3:33:28 PM

Page 1 of 4

HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 7077 (2020)

Amendment No.

14	1. Forensic analysis, other than DNA testing, under s.
15	925.11.
16	2. DNA testing, when either of the following applies:
17	a. The facts on which the petition is predicated were
18	unknown to the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney at the
19	time the plea was entered and could not have been ascertained by
20	the exercise of due diligence; or
21	<u>b.(b)</u> The physical evidence for which DNA testing is
22	sought was not disclosed to the defense by the state <u>before</u>
23	prior to the entry of the plea by the petitioner.
24	(c) If the person entered a plea on or after July 1, 2020,
25	the person may petition for forensic analysis when either of the
26	following applies:
27	1. The facts on which the petition is predicated were
28	unknown to the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney at the
29	time the plea was entered and could not have been ascertained by
30	the exercise of due diligence; or
31	2. The physical evidence for which forensic analysis is
32	sought was not disclosed to the defense by the state before the
33	entry of the plea by the petitioner.
34	(3) (2) For defendants seeking to enter a plea of guilty or
35	nolo contendere to a felony on or after <u>July 1, 2020</u> July 1,
36	2006 , the court shall inquire of the defendant and of counsel
37	for the defendant and the state as to physical evidence
38	containing DNA known to exist that, if subjected to forensic
 (027751
	Approved For Filing: 3/4/2020 3:33:28 PM
	Page 2 of 4

Page 2 of 4

Bill No. CS/HB 7077 (2020)

Amendment No.

39 analysis, could produce evidence that is material to the 40 identification of the perpetrator of, or accomplice to, the 41 crime before could exonerate the defendant prior to accepting a 42 plea of guilty or nolo contendere. If no such physical evidence 43 containing DNA that could exonerate the defendant is known to 44 exist, the court may proceed with consideration of accepting the 45 plea. If such physical evidence containing DNA that could 46 exonerate the defendant is known to exist, the court may 47 postpone the proceeding on the defendant's behalf and order 48 forensic analysis **DNA** testing upon motion of counsel specifying 49 the physical evidence to be tested.

50 <u>(4)(3)</u> It is the intent of the Legislature that the 51 Supreme Court adopt rules of procedure consistent with this 52 section for a court, <u>before prior to</u> the acceptance of a plea, 53 to make an inquiry into the following matters:

(a) Whether counsel for the defense has reviewed the
discovery disclosed by the state and whether such discovery
included a listing or description of physical items of evidence.

57 (b) Whether the nature of the evidence against the 58 defendant disclosed through discovery has been reviewed with the 59 defendant.

60 (c) Whether the defendant or counsel for the defendant is
61 aware of any physical evidence disclosed by the state for which
62 forensic analysis could produce a result material to the

027751

Approved For Filing: 3/4/2020 3:33:28 PM

Page 3 of 4

HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 7077 (2020)

Amendment No.

63	identification of the perpetrator of, or accomplice to, the
64	crime DNA testing may exonerate the defendant.
65	(d) Whether the state is aware of any physical evidence
66	for which forensic analysis could produce a result material to
67	the identification of the perpetrator of, or accomplice to, the
68	crime DNA testing may exonerate the defendant.
69	(5) (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that the
70	postponement of the proceedings by the court on the defendant's
71	behalf under subsection (3) (2) constitute an extension

027751

Approved For Filing: 3/4/2020 3:33:28 PM

Page 4 of 4