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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Rapid DNA Grant Program; 3 creating s. 943.324, F.S.; creating the Rapid DNA 4 Grant Program within the Department of Law Enforcement 5 for county jails or sheriffs' offices; requiring the 6 department to annually award grant funds to county 7 jails or sheriffs' offices; providing funding 8 requirements; authorizing the department to establish 9 criteria and set specific time periods for the acceptance of applications and the selection process 10 11 for awarding grant funds; providing an appropriation; 12 providing an effective date. 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 Section 1. Section 943.324, Florida Statutes, is created 17 to read: 18 943.324 Rapid DNA Grant Program for county jails or 19 sheriffs' offices.-20 There is created within the department the Rapid DNA 21 Grant Program to award grants to county jails or sheriffs' 22 offices to support local law enforcement agencies in the 23 processing and expediting of DNA samples as defined in, and in 24 support of the statewide DNA database under, s. 943.325. 25 (2) The department shall annually award to county jails or

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sheriffs' offices any funds specifically appropriated for the
grant program to cover expenses related to the purchasing of DNA
testing machines and other necessary supplies. Grants must be
provided to county jails or sheriffs' offices if funds are
appropriated for that purpose by law. The total amount of grants
awarded may not exceed funding appropriated for the grant
program.
(3) The department may establish criteria and set specific
time periods for the acceptance of applications and for the

selection process for awarding grant funds.

Section 2. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of \$200,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Law Enforcement for the purpose of implementing the Rapid DNA Grant Program under s. 943.324, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.