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H.B. No. 3958

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of a grant program to assist law
3 enforcement agencies in collecting DNA samples from defendants
4 arrested for certain felony offenses.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 411.1472 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 411.1472. DNA SAMPLE COLLECTION GRANT PROGRAM. (a)
9 From money appropriated or otherwise available for the purpose, the
10 department shall establish and implement a grant program to assist
11 law enforcement agencies in taking a DNA sample after arresting a
12 defendant as required by Section 411.1471.

13 (b) The department shall adopt rules necessary to implement
14 this section.

15 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
16 of this Act, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas
17 shall establish the grant program required under Section 411.1472,
18 Government Code, as added by this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.