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S.B. No. 1359

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the DNA database at the University of North Texas Health
3 Science Center at Fort Worth.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 63, Code of Criminal
6 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 63.0515 to read as follows:

7 Art. 63.0515. CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY. For purposes of
8 this subchapter, the center is a criminal justice agency that
9 performs forensic DNA analyses on evidence, including evidence
10 related to a case involving unidentified human remains or a
11 high-risk missing person. The center shall comply with 42 U.S.C.
12 Section 14132.

13 SECTION 2. Article 63.052(b), Code of Criminal Procedure,
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 (b) The [~~sole purpose of the~~] database may be used [~~is~~] to
16 identify unidentified human remains and high-risk missing persons.

17 SECTION 3. Article 63.052(c), Code of Criminal Procedure,
18 is repealed.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.