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H.B. No. 3958

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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