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S.B. No. 1723

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment of a rapid DNA analysis pilot program  
3 in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 411.1465 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 411.1465. RAPID DNA ANALYSIS PILOT PROGRAM. (a) In  
8 this section, "rapid DNA analysis" means the fully automated  
9 processing of a reference buccal swab sample to provide a DNA record  
10 that is eligible for comparison in the CODIS database in not more  
11 than 2 hours without submitting the sample to a crime laboratory.

12 (b) The department shall establish a pilot program to  
13 optimize the process of reporting DNA records and decrease the  
14 number of arrests for which a DNA sample is not collected and  
15 analyzed by assisting law enforcement agencies in implementing  
16 rapid DNA analysis of DNA samples collected under Section  
17 411.1471(b).

18 (c) Not later than September 1, 2025, the department shall  
19 begin updating information technology systems as necessary to  
20 support the pilot program.

21 (d) Not later than September 1, 2026, the department shall  
22 begin implementing the pilot program in two counties as determined  
23 by the department. The department may expand the pilot program to  
24 additional counties.

1       (e) The department and each law enforcement agency  
2 participating in the pilot program may consult with the Federal  
3 Bureau of Investigation regarding rapid DNA analysis  
4 implementation and best practices.

5       (f) Not later than January 1, 2028, the department shall  
6 review the pilot program established under this section and submit  
7 a written report to the legislature on the pilot program and any  
8 recommendations regarding the continuation or expansion of the  
9 program.

10       (g) The department may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and  
11 donations from any public or private source to fund the pilot  
12 program.

13       (h) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement  
14 this section.

15       (i) This section expires September 1, 2028.

16       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.