

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1723
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2025; March 13, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 May 5, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; May 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the establishment of a rapid DNA analysis pilot program
 1-18 in certain counties.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Section 411.1465 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 411.1465. RAPID DNA ANALYSIS PILOT PROGRAM. (a) In
 1-23 this section, "rapid DNA analysis" means the fully automated
 1-24 processing of a reference buccal swab sample to provide a DNA record
 1-25 that is eligible for comparison in the CODIS database in not more
 1-26 than 2 hours without submitting the sample to a crime laboratory.

1-27 (b) The department shall establish a pilot program to
 1-28 optimize the process of reporting DNA records and decrease the
 1-29 number of arrests for which a DNA sample is not collected and
 1-30 analyzed by assisting law enforcement agencies in implementing
 1-31 rapid DNA analysis of DNA samples collected under Section
 1-32 411.1471(b).

1-33 (c) Not later than September 1, 2025, the department shall
 1-34 begin updating information technology systems as necessary to
 1-35 support the pilot program.

1-36 (d) Not later than September 1, 2026, the department shall
 1-37 begin implementing the pilot program in two counties as determined
 1-38 by the department. The department may expand the pilot program to
 1-39 additional counties.

1-40 (e) The department and each law enforcement agency
 1-41 participating in the pilot program may consult with the Federal
 1-42 Bureau of Investigation regarding rapid DNA analysis
 1-43 implementation and best practices.

1-44 (f) Not later than January 1, 2028, the department shall
 1-45 review the pilot program established under this section and submit
 1-46 a written report to the legislature on the pilot program and any
 1-47 recommendations regarding the continuation or expansion of the
 1-48 program.

1-49 (g) The department may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and
 1-50 donations from any public or private source to fund the pilot
 1-51 program.

1-52 (h) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement
 1-53 this section.

1-54 (i) This section expires September 1, 2028.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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