

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

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Flores	X		
1-9	Parker	X		
1-10	Hagenbuch	X		
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X		
1-12	Huffman	X		
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Miles	X		

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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