

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0058

Forensic genetic genealogy pilot program.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

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for

1 AN ACT relating to law enforcement; establishing a pilot
2 program for forensic genetic genealogical DNA analyses and
3 searches as specified; providing grants; providing a sunset
4 date; providing an appropriation; requiring rulemaking; and
5 providing an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) The forensic genetic genealogy pilot program is
12 hereby created. The division of criminal investigation
13 shall establish and administer this program for forensic
14 genetic genealogical DNA analyses and searches as set forth
15 in this section.

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1 (b) The division may use funds made available to
2 operate the forensic genetic genealogy pilot program for
3 the following purposes:

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5 (i) For forensic genetic genealogical DNA
6 analyses and searches to assist in generating leads for
7 criminal investigations or identifying human remains in
8 investigations conducted by the division pursuant to W.S.
9 9-1-618;

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11 (ii) To award grants to law enforcement agencies
12 in this state for forensic genetic genealogical DNA
13 analyses and searches to assist in generating leads for
14 criminal investigations or identifying human remains in
15 investigations, according to an application process
16 established by the division.

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18 (c) The forensic genetic genealogy pilot program
19 shall terminate, and no grants shall be awarded after, June
20 30, 2029. Grants awarded prior to June 30, 2029 may be
21 expended after the pilot program terminates.

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1 (d) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a
2 restriction on the division using other available funding
3 to conduct forensic genetic genealogical DNA analyses and
4 searches.

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6 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one hundred fifty
7 thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from the general fund to the
8 division of criminal investigation for the period beginning
9 July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029. This appropriation
10 shall only be used to operate the forensic genetic
11 genealogy pilot program created by section 1 of this act.
12 This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
13 any other purpose. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
15 appropriation shall not revert until June 30, 2029.

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17 **Section 3.** The division of criminal investigation
18 shall promulgate any rules necessary to administer this
19 act.

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21 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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