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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Online Sting Operations Grant
3 Program; creating s. 943.0411, F.S.; creating the
4 Online Sting Operations Grant Program within the
5 Department of Law Enforcement to support local law
6 enforcement agencies in creating certain sting
7 operations to protect children; requiring the
8 department to annually award grant funds to local law
9 enforcement agencies; providing funding requirements;
10 authorizing the department to establish criteria and
11 set specific time periods for the acceptance of
12 applications and the selection process for awarding
13 grant funds; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Section 943.0411, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 943.0411 Online Sting Operations Grant Program for local
20 law enforcement agencies to protect children.-

21 (1) There is created within the department the Online
22 Sting Operations Grant Program to award grants to local law
23 enforcement agencies to support their creation of sting
24 operations to target individuals online preying upon children or
25 attempting to do so.

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26 (2) The department shall annually award to local law
27 enforcement agencies any funds specifically appropriated for the
28 grant program to cover expenses related to computers,
29 electronics, software, and other related necessary supplies.
30 Grants must be provided to local law enforcement agencies if
31 funds are appropriated for that purpose by law. The total amount
32 of grants awarded may not exceed funding appropriated for the
33 grant program.

34 (3) The department may establish criteria and set specific
35 time periods for the acceptance of applications and for the
36 selection process for awarding grant funds.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.