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# H. R. 9568

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2022

Mr. ARMSTRONG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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for certain State and local forensic activities, and for  
other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Carla Walker Act of  
5       2022”.

6       **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO IMPROVE STATE AND LOCAL LAW EN-**  
7       **FORCEMENT FORENSIC ACTIVITIES.**

8       Part OO of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and  
9       Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is  
10      amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 3056. GRANTS TO IMPROVE STATE AND LOCAL LAW**  
2 **ENFORCEMENT FORENSIC ACTIVITIES.**

3 “(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS.**—The Attorney  
4 General may award a grant to an eligible recipient de-  
5 scribed in subsection (b) for the purpose of utilizing foren-  
6 sic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and searching to  
7 generate investigative leads for criminal investigations.

8 “(b) **ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.**—An eligible recipient  
9 seeking a grant under this section shall include a—

10 “(1) State;

11 “(2) Tribal or local law enforcement agency;

12 “(3) local prosecutor’s office;

13 “(4) medical examiner;

14 “(5) coroner office; or

15 “(6) private entity working with an eligible re-  
16 cipient under paragraphs (1) through (5).

17 “(c) **APPLICATIONS.**—An eligible recipient seeking a  
18 grant under this section shall submit an application to the  
19 Attorney General at such time and in such form as the  
20 Attorney General may require.

21 “(d) **USE OF GRANT.**—An eligible recipient that re-  
22 ceives a grant under this section shall use the grant funds  
23 to do any one or more of the following:

24 “(1) Carry out DNA analyses of samples col-  
25 lected under applicable legal authority from crime  
26 scenes, rape kits, or other sexual assault evidence, or

1 taken from an unidentified suspect or an unidenti-  
2 fied victim, using advanced DNA testing tech-  
3 nologies if such samples are ineligible for inclusion  
4 in or submission to the Combined DNA Index Sys-  
5 tem of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

6 “(2) Carry out DNA analyses of samples col-  
7 lected under applicable legal authority using ad-  
8 vanced DNA testing technologies if the submission  
9 of such samples to the Combined DNA Index Sys-  
10 tem has failed to produce investigative leads.

11 “(3) Carry out DNA analyses of any unidenti-  
12 fied human remains using advanced DNA testing  
13 technologies if submission of such samples to the  
14 Combined DNA Index System has failed to provide  
15 an identity.

16 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For  
17 each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027, there is author-  
18 ized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
19 \$20,000,000, of which not less than \$5,000,000 shall be  
20 made available to carry out forensic genetic genealogical  
21 DNA analysis and shall not be made available for staffing,  
22 training, travel, equipment, or other related overhead ex-  
23 penses.

24 “(f) ADVANCED DNA TESTING TECHNOLOGIES DE-  
25 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘advanced DNA testing

1 technologies’ means any technology performed in a foren-  
2 sic laboratory capable of producing a forensic genealogy  
3 profile with a minimum of 100,000 genetic markers and  
4 compatible with multiple genealogical databases consented  
5 for law enforcement use.”.

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