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This bill authorizes the use of familial DNA searches in certain law enforcement investigations. A familial DNA search involves seeking a match between genetic material linked to a criminal investigation to DNA samples contained in the convicted felon DNA database. The bill limits the searches to investigations involving first or second degree murder, first or second degree criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping, missing persons, or other cases involving an imminent threat to public safety. The bill requires law enforcement to have first attempted to find a direct match in the DNA database and exhaust all other reasonable investigative leads. The bill directs the BCA to establish rules governing the process and provide an annual report to the legislature on the topic of familial DNA searches.