

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 788 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1686

5 By: Representatives C. Johnson, Clemons, Minton, Bevis
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-12-324 TO
10 REQUIRE THE STATE CRIME LAB TO *NOTIFY THE*
11 *APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES* WITHIN THREE
12 DAYS AFTER BALLISTIC TESTING; AND FOR OTHER
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-12-324(b) is amended to read as follows:

26 (b)(1)(A) The State Crime Laboratory shall conduct ballistics tests on
27 all firearms received and input the resulting data into the National
28 Integrated Bullet Identification Network of the Federal Bureau of
29 Investigation.

30 (B) The tests shall include but not be limited to firing
31 the weapon and photographing bullets and casings.

32 (2) The State Crime Laboratory shall coordinate with all
33 participating agencies when investigations require the use of the National
34 Integrated Bullet Identification Network's computer database.

35 (3) The State Crime Laboratory shall provide written analysis
36 reports and experts for testimony when feasible.

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(4) After completion of the testing, the firearms shall be returned to the law enforcement agencies.

(5) Within three (3) working days after completion of the testing, the State Crime Laboratory shall send to the law enforcement agency from which it received the weapon, notice that the testing has been completed.

(6) When the law enforcement agency regains possession of the firearm, the law enforcement agency shall immediately notify the owner, unless the owner is prohibited by law from possessing the firearm, that the owner may regain possession of the firearm at the offices of the law enforcement agency.

/s/ C. Johnson, et al.

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