

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

# A Bill

ACT 243 OF 1997  
SENATE BILL 112

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5 By: Senator Gordon  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 12-12-211 TO AUTHORIZE THE  
10 ARKANSAS CRIME INFORMATION CENTER TO PROVIDE TO THE STATE  
11 BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS  
12 PERTAINING TO APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF  
13 ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

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16 "TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS CRIME  
17 INFORMATION CENTER TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL  
18 HISTORY RECORDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF  
19 LAW EXAMINERS"  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-211 is amended by adding a new  
24 subsection at the end thereof to read as follows:

25 "(f) The Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners (Board) shall be deemed  
26 to be a regulatory agency having specific statutory access to the records of  
27 the center as provided by subsection (a) of this section. In that capacity,  
28 the Board shall require each applicant for admission to the Bar of Arkansas to  
29 be fingerprinted. The center is authorized to accept fingerprints or other  
30 information provided to it by the Board and is further authorized to release  
31 to the Board any requested information, including state, multistate, and  
32 Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history records, as they may relate  
33 to applicants for admission to the bar of Arkansas."  
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35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
36 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
10 hereby repealed.

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12 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General  
13 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that, as future officers of the court, it is  
14 necessary to assure applicants for admission to the bar of Arkansas are free  
15 of criminal records, and that giving the Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners  
16 access to the records of the Arkansas Crime Information Center provides  
17 another tool with which to verify information received on applications.  
18 Therefore an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately  
19 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall  
20 become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is  
21 neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the  
22 expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill.  
23 If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall  
24 become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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