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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1360

5 By: Representative Talley
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO UPDATE AND AMEND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE
9 CRIME LABORATORY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO UPDATE AND AMEND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE
12 STATE CRIME LABORATORY.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-305(b), concerning the functions of
20 the State Crime Laboratory, is amended to read as follows:

21 (b) The laboratory shall have ~~such~~ the equipment and personnel ~~as is~~
22 necessary to respond to the needs of all law enforcement agencies in the
23 State of Arkansas with respect to the following functions:

24 (1) Forensic toxicology, ~~which shall include, but is not limited~~
25 ~~to,~~ including without limitation chemical testing and analysis of body fluids
26 and the performance of procedures to determine the presence and significance
27 of toxic agents both in the investigation of death cases authorized by this
28 subchapter and in other appropriate cases;

29 (2) Criminalistics, ~~which shall include, but is not limited to,~~
30 including without limitation chemical testing of trace evidence, physical and
31 microscopic analysis of evidence, ~~questioned document examination and~~
32 ~~classification,~~ latent fingerprint identification and classification,
33 firearms and toolmarks identification ~~and analysis, and,~~ serology, DNA
34 analysis, DNA database administration, and computer forensic analysis;

35 (3) Drug analysis, ~~which shall include, but is not limited to,~~
36 including without limitation analyzing and identifying substances suspected



1 as being controlled, illicit, or contraband drugs;

2 (4) Pathology and biology, ~~which shall include investigating and~~
3 ~~making a determination~~ including the investigation and determination of the
4 cause and manner of deaths ~~which~~ that become subject to the jurisdiction of
5 the State Medical Examiner ~~as set out in~~ under § 12-12-318 and ~~shall include~~
6 the general application of the medical sciences to assist the criminal
7 justice system in the State of Arkansas; and

8 (5) Any other laboratory divisions, sections, or functions ~~which~~
9 that, in the opinion of the State Crime Laboratory Board, may serve the needs
10 of law enforcement in the State of Arkansas for laboratory analysis.

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