Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 877 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: \$3/25/15		
2	90th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2015		HOUSE BILL 1707	
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5	By: Representatives Ballinger	, C. Douglas		
6	By: Senator B. King			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE AND			
10	REPORTING DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF AN ACT OF			
11	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; TO BE REFERRED TO AS "LAURA'S		AURA'S	
12	LAW"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.			
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15		Subtitle		
16	CONCE	ERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE A	ND	
17	REPORTING DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF AN			
18	ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; TO BE REFERRED			
19	TO AS	S "LAURA'S LAW".		
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	SENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	ARKANSAS:	
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24	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code Title 12, Chapter 12,	Subchapter l, is	
25	amended to add a new section to read as follows:			
26	12-12-108. Dome	estic violence investigation.		
27	(a) When a law	enforcement agency responds to a	report of domestic	
28	violence, the first la	w enforcement officer to intervi	<u>ew a victim of domestic</u>	
29	violence shall assess the potential for danger by asking a series of			
30	questions provided on a lethality assessment form.			
31	<u>(b) The lethali</u>	ty assessment form shall be comp	<u>leted with the</u>	
32	following information from the victim:			
33	(1) Whether the offender ever used a weapon against the victim			
34	or threatened the vict	or threatened the victim with a weapon;		
35	(2) Wheth	er the offender threatened to ki	ll the victim or	
36	victim's children;			

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1	(3) Whether the victim believes the offender will try to kill		
2	him or her;		
3	(4) Whether the offender ever tried to choke the victim;		
4	(5) Whether the offender is violently or constantly jealous;		
5	(6) Whether the offender controls most of the victim's daily		
6	activities;		
7	(7) The victim's current living situation and if he or she has		
8	recently left or separated from the offender after living together or being		
9	married;		
10	(8) The victim's employment status;		
11	(9) Whether the offender has ever attempted suicide to the bes		
12	of the victim's knowledge;		
13	(10) Whether the victim has a child that the offender believes		
14	is not the offender's biological child;		
15	(11) Whether the offender follows, spies on, or leaves		
16	threatening messages for the victim; and		
17	(12) Any other pertinent information, including any other		
18	conditions or circumstances that concern the victim regarding his or her		
19	safety.		
20	(c) Based on the results of the lethality assessment under this		
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22	this section from the victim may refer the victim to an available shelter of		
23	domestic violence intervention program and shall comply with § 16-90-1107.		
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25	/s/Ballinger		
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