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*As Engrossed: S3/25/15*  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1707

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  
12 LAW"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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15 **Subtitle**

16 CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE AND  
17 REPORTING DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF AN  
18 ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; TO BE REFERRED  
19 TO AS "LAURA'S LAW".  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 1, is  
25 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

26 12-12-108. Domestic violence investigation.

27 (a) When a law enforcement agency responds to a report of domestic  
28 violence, the first law enforcement officer to interview a victim of domestic  
29 violence shall assess the potential for danger by asking a series of  
30 questions provided on a lethality assessment form.

31 (b) The lethality assessment form shall be completed with the  
32 following information from the victim:

33 (1) Whether the offender ever used a weapon against the victim  
34 or threatened the victim with a weapon;

35 (2) Whether the offender threatened to kill the victim or  
36 victim's children;



