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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING THE VICTIM
9 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CASES
10 INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE
11 CREATION OF "LAURA'S CARD"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 CARD".
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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 § 16-90-1107(a), concerning information
25 provided by law enforcement to a crime victim, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a)(1) After initial contact between a victim or a victim's family and
27 a law enforcement agency responsible for investigating a crime, the law
28 enforcement agency shall promptly give ~~in writing to~~ the victim and, if
29 applicable, the victim's family, a preprinted document to be known as
30 "Laura's Card" that clearly states the following:

31 ~~(1)~~(A) An explanation of the victim's rights under this
32 subchapter; and

33 ~~(2)~~(B) Information concerning the availability of:

34 ~~(A)~~(i) Assistance to victims, including medical,
35 housing, counseling, financial, social, legal, and emergency services;

36 ~~(B)~~(ii) Compensation for victims under the Arkansas



1 Crime Victims Reparations Act, § 16-90-701 et seq., and the name, street
2 address, and telephone number of the agency to contact;

3 ~~(C)(iii)~~ Protection of the victim, including
4 protective court orders; and

5 ~~(D)(iv)~~ Access by the victim and the defendant to
6 public records related to the case.

7 (2) The law enforcement officer who provides the Laura's
8 Card to a victim is required to provide the law enforcement officer's, badge
9 number, and contact information on Laura's Card.

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-90-1107, concerning information provided
12 by law enforcement to a crime victim, is amended to add an additional
13 subsection to read as follows:

14 (c) As used in this section, "law enforcement agency" includes without
15 limitation a college or university police department.