

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

SENATE BILL 112

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5 By: Senator Gordon

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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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