State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: S3/4/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly 3 Regular Session, 1999 SENATE BILL 22 4 By: Senator Hill 5 By: Representative Luker 6 7 8 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 12-12-10 11 311(a) TO REQUIRE PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS TO REPORT 12 CASES ADJUDICATED THROUGH PLEA NEGOTIATIONS TO THE ARKANSAS STATE CRIME LABORATORY; AND FOR OTHER 13 PURPOSES. " 14 15 **Subtitle** 16 "TO REQUIRE PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS TO 17 18 REPORT CASES ADJUDICATED THROUGH PLEA 19 NEGOTIATIONS TO THE ARKANSAS STATE CRIME 20 LABORATORY. " 21 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 23 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-12-311(a) is amended to read as 25 follows: "(a)(1) All law enforcement officers and other state, county, and city 26 officials, as well as private citizens, shall fully cooperate with the staff 27 28 of the State Crime Laboratory in making any investigation provided for or 29 authorized in this subchapter. 30 (2) The Prosecuting Attorney for each judicial district shall 31 provide the State Crime Laboratory each month with a list of cases having been 32 adjudicated through plea negotiations and which require no further lab analysis. Said monthly list shall contain the Crime Laboratory Case Number 33 and will be used by the State Crime Laboratory for the purpose of returning 34 35 evidence on which analysis is no longer necessary, thus reducing the backlog of cases found on the evidence shelves at the State Crime Laboratory. 36

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1	(3) Nothing in this subchapter shall impair the authority of the
2	Prosecuting Attorney to require further analysis of evidence in any case
3	having been adjudicated through plea negotiations.
4	(4) Upon completion of all requested analysis of submitted
5	evidence by the State Crime Laboratory, said evidence shall be returned to the
6	submitting agency within thirty (30) days. The submitting agency shall
7	maintain and store evidence until released by a court of competent
8	jurisdiction or the Prosecuting Attorney."
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10	SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
11	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
12	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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14	SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
15	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
16	other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
17	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
18	Act are declared to be severable.
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20	SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
21	hereby repealed.
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