1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H2/16/01 A Bill 2 83rd General Assembly **HOUSE BILL** 1686 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 5 By: Representatives C. Johnson, Clemons, Minton, Bevis 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-12-324 TO REQUIRE THE STATE CRIME LAB TO NOTIFY THE 10 11 APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER BALLISTIC TESTING; AND FOR OTHER 12 13 PURPOSES. 14 **Subtitle** 15 16 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-12-324 TO REQUIRE THE STATE CRIME LAB TO NOTIFY 17 18 THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES 19 WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER BALLISTIC 20 TESTI NG. 21 22 23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-12-324(b) is amended to read as follows: 26 (b)(1)(A) The State Crime Laboratory shall conduct ballistics tests on all firearms received and input the resulting data into the National 27 Integrated Bullet Identification Network of the Federal Bureau of 28 29 Investigation. 30 (B) The tests shall include but not be limited to firing 31 the weapon and photographing bullets and casings. 32 (2) The State Crime Laboratory shall coordinate with all 33 participating agencies when investigations require the use of the National Integrated Bullet Identification Network's computer database. 34 35 (3) The State Crime Laboratory shall provide written analysis 36 reports and experts for testimony when feasible.

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| 1 | (4) After completion of the testing, the firearms shall be |
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| 2 | returned to the law enforcement agencies. |
| 3 | (5) Within three (3) working days after completion of the testing, the |
| 4 | State Crime Laboratory shall send to the law enforcement agency from which it |
| 5 | received the weapon, notice that the testing has been completed. |
| 6 | (6) When the law enforcement agency regains possession of the firearm, |
| 7 | the law enforcement agency shall immediately notify the owner, unless the |
| 8 | owner is prohibited by law from possessing the firearm, that the owner may |
| 9 | regain possession of the firearm at the offices of the law enforcement agency. |
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