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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND § 12-12-211 TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS  
CRIME INFORMATION CENTER TO GIVE INFORMATION TO A  
CONSTABLE WHO HAS MET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO  
REQUIRE A CONSTABLE TO WEAR UNIFORM CLOTHING AND  
IDENTIFICATION; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS  
COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND  
TRAINING TO DEVELOP A COURSE FOR CONSTABLES; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS CRIME INFORMATION  
CENTER TO GIVE INFORMATION TO A  
CONSTABLE; TO REQUIRE A CONSTABLE TO  
WEAR UNIFORM CLOTHING AND  
IDENTIFICATION; AND TO PROVIDE A  
CONSTABLE TRAINING PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-211 is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Arkansas Crime Information Center shall make criminal  
history records on persons available in accordance with §§ 12-12-1008 - 12-  
12-1011.

(2) Release of other noncriminal history records shall be in  
accordance with policies and regulations established by the Supervisory Board  
~~of~~ for the Arkansas Crime Information Center.

(b)(1) The Office of Child Support Enforcement of the Revenue Division



1 of the Department of Finance and Administration shall be considered a  
2 criminal justice agency solely for the purpose of securing information from  
3 the center regarding the address or whereabouts of any deserting parent from  
4 whom the Office of Child Support Enforcement is charged with collecting child  
5 support.

6 (2) Any information received by the Crime Victims Reparations  
7 Board through the office of the Attorney General obtained from the center  
8 pursuant to § 16-90-712 shall not be available for examination except by the  
9 affected claimant or his or her duly authorized representative.

10 (3)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to disclose  
11 information obtained under this subsection except:

12 (i) For the purpose of performing the duties of the:

13 (a) Office; or

14 (b) Crime Victims Reparations Board; or

15 (ii) Upon court order.

16 (B) Upon conviction, any person violating subdivision  
17 (b)(3)(A) of this section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

18 (c)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2) of this section, An an  
19 elected law enforcement officer of a political subdivision of this state  
20 shall not be allowed access to information from the center unless either the  
21 elected law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer within his or  
22 her department has successfully completed the preparatory program of police  
23 training required by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and  
24 Training for certification of law enforcement officers.

25 (2) A constable shall have access to information from the center  
26 if the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training  
27 certifies that the constable has completed the course required by § 14-14-  
28 1314.

29 (d)(1) The State Board of Law Examiners shall be deemed to be a  
30 regulatory agency having specific statutory access to the records of the  
31 center as provided by subsection (a) of this section.

32 (2) In that capacity, the State Board of Law Examiners shall  
33 require each applicant for admission to the Bar of Arkansas to be  
34 fingerprinted.

35 (3) The center is authorized to accept fingerprints or other  
36 information provided to it by the State Board of Law Examiners and is further

1 authorized to release to the State Board of Law Examiners any requested  
 2 information, including state, multistate, and Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 3 criminal history records, as they may relate to applicants for admission to  
 4 the bar.

5 (e) The center shall provide access to the insurance verification  
 6 database which contains the information provided to the Department of Finance  
 7 and Administration under § 27-22-107 to law enforcement officers during the  
 8 course of traffic stops.

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 10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 14, Subchapter 13 is  
 11 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12 14-14-1314. Constable training requirements – Uniform requirements.

13 (a)(1)(A) For a constable to have access to information from the  
 14 Arkansas Crime Information Center, he or she shall satisfactorily complete  
 15 the constable training course provided by the Arkansas Commission on Law  
 16 Enforcement Standards and Training.

17 (B) For a constable to carry a firearm, he or she shall  
 18 annually:

19 (i) Attend sixteen (16) hours of firearms training;  
 20 and

21 (ii) Satisfy the firearm qualification standards for  
 22 a law enforcement official.

23 (2) A constable holding office on the effective date of this  
 24 section is exempt from the requirements of subdivision (a)(1) of this section  
 25 if the constable has completed:

26 (A) The part-time II law enforcement training or higher  
 27 level training course; and

28 (B) Mandatory racial profiling courses.

29 (b)(1) In the performance of his or her official duties, a constable  
 30 shall wear a uniform consisting of:

31 (A) The following shirts:

32 (i) A long sleeve shirt with a gray tie from October  
 33 1 until March 31;

34 (ii) A black shirt with black epaulets and black  
 35 pocket flaps from April 1 until September 30; or

36 (iii) A white shirt on formal occasions at any time;

1                   (B)(i) A constable identification patch on the left  
 2 shoulder of the shirt and an American flag on the right shoulder.

3                   (ii) The top of each patch shall be one inch (1")  
 4 down from the shoulder seam of the shirt;

5                   (C) A name tag above the right pocket flap of the shirt;

6                   (D) A six-point star, containing the words "Arkansas  
 7 Constable" shall be on the left side of the shirt;

8                   (E) The following pants:

9                   (i) Tan pants; or

10                  (ii) Blue or black pants on formal occasions; and

11                  (F) A gray hat with a six-point star on the front  
 12 containing the words "Arkansas Constable".

13                  (2) If a constable is engaged in search or rescue activities, he or  
 14 she shall wear a uniform consisting of:

15                  (A) A black shirt;

16                  (B) Black pants; and

17                  (C) A black cap with a six-point star with the words "Arkansas  
 18 Constable".

19                  (c) In the performance of his or her official duties, a constable  
 20 shall drive a motor vehicle that is clearly marked with a six-point star and  
 21 the words "Arkansas Constable".

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 23                  SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1 is amended  
 24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25                  12-9-115. Training for constables.

26                  After consultation with the Arkansas Constables Association, the  
 27 Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training shall develop a  
 28 training course of one hundred twenty (120) hours to one hundred sixty (160)  
 29 hours for new constables.