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5	By: Representatives Ballinger, C. Douglas	
6	By: Senator B. King	
7 8	For An Act To Be Entitled	
o 9	AN ACT CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE AND	
10	REPORTING DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF AN ACT OF	
11	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; TO BE REFERRED TO AS "LAURA'S	
12	LAW"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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18	ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; TO BE REFERRED	
19	TO AS "LAURA'S LAW".	
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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 Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapt	er l, is
25	amended to add a new section to read as follows:	
26	12-12-108. Domestic violence investigation.	
27	(a) When a law enforcement agency responds to a report	of domestic
28	violence, the first law enforcement officer to interview a vic	tim of domestic
29	violence shall assess the potential for danger by asking a ser	ies of
30	questions provided on a lethality assessment form.	
31	(b) The lethality assessment form shall be completed wi	th the
32	following information from the victim:	
33	(1) Whether the offender ever used a weapon again	<u>st the victim</u>
34	or threatened the victim with a weapon;	
35	(2) Whether the offender threatened to kill the v	<u>ictim or</u>
36	victim's children;	



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1	(3) Whether the victim believes the offender will try to kill
2	<u>him or her;</u>
3	(4) Whether the offender ever tried to choke the victim;
4	(5) Whether the offender is violently or constantly jealous;
5	(6) Whether the offender controls most of the victim's daily
6	activities;
7	(7) The victim's current living situation and if he or she has
8	recently left or separated from the offender after living together or being
9	married;
10	(8) The victim's employment status;
11	(9) Whether the offender has ever attempted suicide to the best
12	of the victim's knowledge;
13	(10) Whether the victim has a child that the offender believes
14	is not the offender's biological child;
15	(11) Whether the offender follows, spies on, or leaves
16	threatening messages for the victim; and
17	(12) Any other pertinent information, including any other
18	conditions or circumstances that concern the victim regarding his or her
19	safety.
20	(c) Based on the results of the lethality assessment under this
21	section, the law enforcement officer compiling the information required by
22	this section from the victim may refer the victim to an available shelter or
23	domestic violence intervention program and shall comply with § 16-90-1107.
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25	/s/Ballinger
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