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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1360

By: Representative Talley

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO UPDATE AND AMEND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE  
CRIME LABORATORY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO UPDATE AND AMEND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE  
STATE CRIME LABORATORY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-305(b), concerning the functions of the State Crime Laboratory, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The laboratory shall have ~~such~~ the equipment and personnel ~~as is~~ necessary to respond to the needs of all law enforcement agencies in the State of Arkansas with respect to the following functions:

(1) Forensic toxicology, ~~which shall include, but is not limited to,~~ including without limitation chemical testing and analysis of body fluids and the performance of procedures to determine the presence and significance of toxic agents both in the investigation of death cases authorized by this subchapter and in other appropriate cases;

(2) Criminalistics, ~~which shall include, but is not limited to,~~ including without limitation chemical testing of trace evidence, physical and microscopic analysis of evidence, ~~questioned document examination and classification,~~ latent fingerprint identification and classification, firearms and toolmarks identification ~~and analysis, and,~~ serology, DNA analysis, DNA database administration, and computer forensic analysis;

(3) Drug analysis, ~~which shall include, but is not limited to,~~ including without limitation analyzing and identifying substances suspected



as being controlled, illicit, or contraband drugs;

(4) Pathology and biology, ~~which shall include investigating and making a determination~~ including the investigation and determination of the cause and manner of deaths ~~which~~ that become subject to the jurisdiction of the State Medical Examiner ~~as set out in~~ under § 12-12-318 and ~~shall include~~ the general application of the medical sciences to assist the criminal justice system in the State of Arkansas; and

(5) Any other laboratory divisions, sections, or functions ~~which~~ that, in the opinion of the State Crime Laboratory Board, may serve the needs of law enforcement in the State of Arkansas for laboratory analysis.

**APPROVED: 03/11/2013**