



**AN ACT CONCERNING A FIREARM BALLISTIC IDENTIFICATION  
DATA BANK.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Public  
2 Safety, in consultation with the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and  
3 the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, shall conduct a study to  
4 determine the feasibility and potential benefits to law enforcement of  
5 establishing a firearm ballistic identification data bank that would  
6 contain ballistic images and additional identifying information with  
7 respect to new firearms that are sold in this state.

8 (b) The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

9 (1) The methods by which firearm manufacturers, importers and  
10 dealers would collect ballistic images from firearms prior to sale in this  
11 state and forward that information to the department;

12 (2) The methods by which the department would receive, store and  
13 make available to law enforcement agencies such ballistic images  
14 submitted by firearm manufacturers, importers and dealers;

15 (3) The methods by which state and local law enforcement agencies  
16 would forward ballistic identification information to the department  
17 for inclusion in a firearm ballistic identification data bank;

18 (4) The state of current ballistic imaging technology and whether  
19 that technology is adequate to accommodate an expanded data bank  
20 and to accurately and efficiently produce matches with crime scene  
21 evidence;

22 (5) The potential financial costs to the department of establishing  
23 and maintaining a state-wide or interstate firearm ballistic  
24 identification data bank;

25 (6) The extent to which the establishment of a firearm ballistic  
26 identification data bank would assist law enforcement in solving or  
27 preventing crimes;

28 (7) The number of states or other jurisdictions that have established  
29 firearm ballistic identification data banks, and the effectiveness of  
30 those data banks in solving and preventing crime in those states; and

31 (8) The degree of interest in other states in joining together in an  
32 interstate compact or agreement for the acquisition, installation and  
33 operation of technology for ballistic imaging and for the establishment  
34 and maintenance of an interstate firearm ballistic identification data  
35 bank.

36 (c) Not later than February 4, 2004, the department shall report its  
37 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
38 General Assembly on the judiciary in accordance with the provisions  
39 of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*