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**Abstract:** Changes the accreditation entity for the crime laboratories performing post-conviction DNA testing.

Present law, for purposes of post-conviction DNA testing, provides that crime laboratories shall be accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) in forensic DNA analysis.

Proposed law changes the accreditation entity for the crime laboratories to those accredited by an accreditation program based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17025, with an accreditation scope in the field of forensic science testing in the discipline of biology and that is compliant with the current version of Federal Bureau of Investigations Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 926.1(F) and (H)(5))