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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, relative to state laboratories.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new, appropriately designated section:

68-1-119. The division of laboratories shall maintain three (3) Level 3 laboratories, one (1) in each grand division of the state. Each such laboratory shall be capable of analyzing various biological agents, including but not limited to *bacillus anthracis* (anthrax), that could potentially be used in a terrorist attack, as well as performing other duties to assist the department and health professionals in protecting the public health.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.