

By: Representatives Fredericks, Barnett
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To: Juvenile Justice

HOUSE BILL NO. 1117

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-205, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE FEES TO BE PAID TO EXPERT WITNESSES FOR SERVICES
3 RENDERED IN PROCEEDINGS IN YOUTH COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 43-21-205, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 43-21-205. In proceedings under this chapter, no court costs
8 shall be charged against any party to a petition, and no salaried
9 officer of the state, county or any municipality, nor any youth
10 court counselor, nor any witness, except an expert witness, shall
11 be entitled to receive any fee for any service rendered to the
12 youth court or for attendance in the youth court in any
13 proceedings under this chapter; but the fees of the circuit and
14 chancery clerks in youth court cases originating by petition shall
15 be paid as is provided by law for like services in other cases and
16 shall be paid by the county on allowance of the board of
17 supervisors on an itemized cost bill approved by the judge. These
18 costs shall be paid out of the general fund. No clerk shall be
19 allowed compensation for attendance in youth court.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 1999.