

By: Representatives Bozeman, Banks, Clarke, Ellington, Flaggs, Reeves, Robinson (63rd), Straughter, Wallace To: Juvenile Justice

HOUSE BILL NO. 1163

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-21-119 AND 43-21-123, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF YOUTH
3 COURT SUPPORT STAFF; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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6 SECTION 1. Section 43-21-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 43-21-119. The county administrator, in counties with a
9 population of more than two hundred forty-five thousand (245,000)
10 according to the 1990 decennial census, shall appoint as provided
11 in Section 43-21-123 sufficient personnel, responsible to and
12 under the control of the youth court, to carry on the
13 professional, clerical and other work of the youth court. The
14 cost of these persons so appointed * * * shall be paid as provided
15 in Section 43-21-123 out of any available funds budgeted for the
16 youth court by the board of supervisors.

17 SECTION 2. Section 43-21-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
18 amended as follows:

19 43-21-123. Except for expenses provided by state funds
20 and/or other monies, the board of supervisors, or the municipal
21 governing board where there is a municipal youth court, shall
22 adequately provide funds for the operation of the youth court
23 division of the chancery court in conjunction with the regular
24 chancery court budget, or the county or family courts where said
25 courts are constituted. In preparation for said funding, on an
26 annual basis at the time requested, the youth court judge or
27 administrator shall prepare and submit to the board of

28 supervisors, or the municipal governing board of the youth court
29 wherever the youth court is a municipal court, an annual budget
30 which will identify the number, staff position, title and amount
31 of annual or monthly compensation of each position as well as
32 provide for other expenditures necessary to the functioning and
33 operation of the youth court. When the budget of the youth court
34 or youth court judge is approved by the board of supervisors or
35 the governing authority of the municipality, then the youth court
36 administrator or board of supervisors may employ such persons
37 under existing county personnel policies as provided in the
38 budget * * *.

39 The board of supervisors of any county in which there is
40 located a youth court, and the governing authority of any
41 municipality in which there is located a municipal youth court,
42 are each authorized to reimburse the youth court judges and other
43 youth court employees or personnel for reasonable travel and
44 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and in
45 attending educational meetings offering professional training to
46 such persons as budgeted.

47 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 1999.