

By: Representatives Bozeman, Banks, Clarke, To: Juvenile Justice
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1163
(As Passed the House)

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

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

24 43-21-123. Except for expenses provided by state funds
25 and/or other monies, the board of supervisors, or the municipal
26 governing board where there is a municipal youth court, shall
27 adequately provide funds for the operation of the youth court

28 division of the chancery court in conjunction with the regular
29 chancery court budget, or the county or family courts where said
30 courts are constituted. In preparation for said funding, on an
31 annual basis at the time requested, the youth court judge or
32 administrator shall prepare and submit to the board of
33 supervisors, or the municipal governing board of the youth court
34 wherever the youth court is a municipal court, an annual budget
35 which will identify the number, staff position, title and amount
36 of annual or monthly compensation of each position as well as
37 provide for other expenditures necessary to the functioning and
38 operation of the youth court. When the budget of the youth court
39 or youth court judge is approved by the board of supervisors or
40 the governing authority of the municipality, then the youth court
41 judge, county administrator in counties with a population of more
42 than two hundred forty-five thousand (245,000) according to the
43 1990 decennial census or board of supervisors in counties with a
44 population of more than two hundred forty-five thousand (245,000)
45 according to the 1990 decennial census may employ such persons
46 under existing county personnel policies as provided in the
47 budget * * *.

48 The board of supervisors of any county in which there is
49 located a youth court, and the governing authority of any
50 municipality in which there is located a municipal youth court,
51 are each authorized to reimburse the youth court judges and other
52 youth court employees or personnel for reasonable travel and
53 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and in
54 attending educational meetings offering professional training to
55 such persons as budgeted.

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