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To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration;
County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2634

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 governed
9 under the countywide system of road administration as described in
10 Section 19-2-3, or the board of supervisors in counties not so
11 governed, shall appoint as provided in Section 43-21-123
12 sufficient personnel, responsible to and under the control of the
13 youth court, to carry on the professional, clerical and other work
14 of the youth court. The cost of these persons so appointed * * *
15 shall be paid as provided in Section 43-21-123 out of any
16 available funds budgeted for the youth court by the board of
17 supervisors.

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

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

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

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

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