

By: Moody

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 971

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-17-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DIRECT A FEE TO BE IMPOSED FOR COURT ORDER HOME STUDIES IN
3 CHILD CUSTODY MATTERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 93-17-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[RDD1]

7 93-17-12. In any child custody matter hereafter filed in any
8 chancery or county court, the court may impose a fee for any
9 court-ordered home study performed by the Department of Human
10 Services. The fee shall be assessed upon either party or upon
11 both parties in the court's discretion. The minimum fee imposed
12 shall be not less than Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for
13 each household on which a home study is performed. The fee shall
14 be paid to the department at a time specified by the court.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
16 and after July 1, 2000.