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To: County Affairs;  
Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2951

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-21-119 AND 43-21-123, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OR  
3 ADMINISTRATORS TO ADMINISTER YOUTH COURT; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 43-21-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:[BD1]

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  
18 appointed by the youth court shall be paid as provided in Section  
19 43-21-123 out of any available funds budgeted for the youth court  
20 by the board of supervisors.

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

23 43-21-123. Except for expenses provided by state funds  
24 and/or other monies, the board of supervisors, or the municipal  
25 governing board where there is a municipal youth court, shall  
26 adequately provide funds for the operation of the youth court  
27 division of the chancery court in conjunction with the regular

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

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

52 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
53 and after July 1, 2000.