

By: Representative Moak

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 113

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-15-109, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCLUDE OFFENDERS HELD IN CONTEMPT REGARDLESS OF ANY PRIOR
3 CONVICTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-15-109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 99-15-109. (1) Intervention shall be appropriate only when:

8 (a) The offender is eighteen (18) years of age or
9 older;

10 (b) There is substantial likelihood that justice will
11 be served if the offender is placed in an intervention program;

12 (c) It is determined that the needs of the offender and
13 the state can better be met outside the traditional criminal
14 justice process;

15 (d) It is apparent that the offender poses no threat to
16 the community;

17 (e) It appears that the offender is unlikely to be
18 involved in further criminal activity;

19 (f) The offender, in those cases where it is required,
20 is likely to respond quickly to rehabilitative treatment;

21 (g) The offender has no significant history of prior
22 delinquency or criminal activity;

23 (h) The offender has been indicted and is represented
24 by an attorney; * * *

25 (i) The court has determined that the office of
26 district attorney or the Department of Corrections has sufficient
27 support staff to administer such intervention program; and

28 (j) The offender, in all criminal cases, has been held
29 in contempt of court for failure to pay fines or restitution,
30 regardless of any prior criminal convictions of any type.

31 (2) When jurisdiction in a case involving a child is
32 acquired by the circuit court pursuant to a transfer from the
33 youth court, the provision of subsection (1)(a) of this section
34 shall not be applicable.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2006.