

By: Senator(s) Dearing

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2511

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE
2 PUBLIC DEFENDER OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE PURPOSE PROVIDING
3 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PILOT PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE LEGAL
4 REPRESENTING TO INDIGENT PARENTS IN ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND
5 TERMINATION OF PARENTS RIGHTS CASES FOR FY2017; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
9 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
10 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Office of the
11 State Public Defender, for the purpose of providing additional
12 funding for pilot programs to provide legal representation to
13 indigent parents in abuse and neglect and termination of parents'
14 rights cases for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and
15 ending June 30, 2017..... \$200,000.00.

16 **SECTION 2.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
17 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
18 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
19 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



20 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
21 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2016.

