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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 370

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-15-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE BAIL BOND OF A DEFENDANT/OFFENDER IS RELEASED
3 WHEN THE JUDGE APPROVES ADMISSION TO THE INTERVENTION PROGRAM; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-15-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 99-15-117. In any case in which an offender agrees to an
9 intervention program, a specific agreement shall be made between
10 the district attorney and the offender. This agreement shall
11 include the terms of the intervention program, the length of the
12 program, which shall not exceed three (3) years, and a section
13 therein stating the period of time after which the prosecutor will
14 either dismiss the charge or seek a conviction based upon that
15 charge. The agreement shall be signed by the offender and his or
16 her counsel and filed in the district attorney's office. Before an
17 offender is admitted to an intervention program, the court having
18 jurisdiction of the charge must approve of the offender's
19 admission to the program and the terms of the agreement. When the



20 court approves the offender's admission to the program and the
21 terms of the agreement, the court shall release the bail bond, if
22 any.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2022.

