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To: Judiciary B; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-21-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF COURTS TO IMPLEMENT  
3 MISDEMEANOR INTERVENTION COURTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-21-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 9-21-9. The Administrative Director of Courts shall have the  
8 following duties and authority with respect to all courts in  
9 addition to any other duties and responsibilities as may be  
10 properly assigned by the Supreme Court:

11 (a) To require the filing of reports, the collection  
12 and compilation of statistical data and other information on the  
13 judicial and financial operation of the courts and on the  
14 operation of other offices directly related to and serving the  
15 courts;

16 (b) To determine the state of the dockets and evaluate  
17 the practices and procedures of the courts and make



18 recommendations concerning the number of judges and other  
19 personnel required for the efficient administration of justice;

20 (c) To prescribe uniform administrative and business  
21 methods, systems, forms and records to be used in the offices of  
22 the clerks of courts;

23 (d) To devise, promulgate and require the use of a  
24 uniform youth court case tracking system, including a youth court  
25 case filing form for filing with each individual youth court  
26 matter, to be utilized by the Administrative Office of Courts and  
27 the youth courts in order that the number of youthful offenders,  
28 abused, neglected, truant and dependent children, as well as  
29 children in need of special care and children in need of  
30 supervision, may be tracked with specificity through the youth  
31 court and adult justice systems; in support of the uniform case  
32 docketing system, the director shall require that all youth courts  
33 utilize the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System  
34 (MYCIDS);

35 (e) To develop, promulgate and require the use of a  
36 statewide docket numbering system to be utilized by the youth  
37 courts, which youth court docket numbers shall standardize and  
38 unify the numbering system by which youth court docket numbers are  
39 assigned, such that each docket number would, among other things,  
40 identify the county and year in which a particular youth court  
41 action was commenced;



42 (f) To develop, promulgate and require the use of  
43 uniform youth court orders and forms in all youth courts and youth  
44 court proceedings;

45 (g) To prepare and submit budget recommendations for  
46 state appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation  
47 of the judicial system and to authorize expenditures from funds  
48 appropriated for these purposes as permitted or authorized by law;

49 (h) To develop and implement personnel policies for  
50 nonjudicial personnel employed by the courts;

51 (i) To investigate, make recommendations concerning and  
52 assist in the securing of adequate physical accommodations for the  
53 judicial system;

54 (j) To procure, distribute, exchange, transfer and  
55 assign such equipment, books, forms and supplies as are acquired  
56 with state funds or grant funds or otherwise for the judicial  
57 system;

58 (k) To make recommendations for the improvement of the  
59 operations of the judicial system;

60 (l) To prepare and submit an annual report on the work  
61 of the judicial system to the Supreme Court;

62 (m) To take necessary steps in the collection of unpaid  
63 court costs, fines and forfeitures;

64 (n) To perform such additional administrative duties  
65 relating to the improvement of the administration of justice as  
66 may be assigned by the Supreme Court; \* \* \*



67                   (o) To promulgate standards, rules and regulations for  
68 computer and/or electronic filing and storage of all court records  
69 and court-related records maintained throughout the state in  
70 courts and in offices of circuit and chancery clerks \* \* \*; and

71                   (p) To create misdemeanor intervention courts.

72                   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
73 and after July 1, 2023.

