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To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2387

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE BE
2 NOTIFIED BY THE COURT WITHIN SEVEN WORKING DAYS WHEN A PERMANENCY
3 PLAN CHANGES TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OR AN ADOPTION; TO
4 PROVIDE FOR THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH A PETITION FOR THE
5 TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS SHALL BE HELD; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The appropriate court shall notify the Office of
9 the Attorney General within seven (7) business days whenever a
10 permanency plan changes to termination of parental rights or an
11 adoption.

12 **SECTION 2.** Once the petition for termination of parental
13 rights is filed with the court of competent jurisdiction, the
14 court shall hold a hearing on the petition within one hundred
15 twenty (120) calendar days of the date of the petition is filed.
16 For purposes of this section, the one hundred twenty (120)
17 calendar day time period will commence when perfected service is
18 made on the parents.

19 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect immediately upon
20 passage.

