

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2480

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-351, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES OTHER THAN EMPLOYEES OF THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTIONS SERVICES AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE
4 OFFICE OF COURTS FROM BEING YOUTH COURT INTAKE OFFICERS; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-21-351, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 43-21-351. (1) Any person or agency having knowledge that a
10 child residing or being within the county is within the
11 jurisdiction of the youth court may make a written report to the
12 intake unit alleging facts sufficient to establish the
13 jurisdiction of the youth court. The report shall bear a
14 permanent number that will be assigned by the court in accordance
15 with the standards established by the Administrative Office of
16 Courts pursuant to Section 9-21-9(d), and shall be preserved until
17 destroyed on order of the court.

18 (2) (a) There shall be in each youth court of the state an
19 intake officer who shall be responsible for the accurate and



20 timely entering of all intake and case information into the
21 Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) for
22 the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services,
23 truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services.
24 It shall be the responsibility of the youth court judge or referee
25 of each county to ensure that the intake officer is carrying out
26 the responsibility of this section.

27 (b) No state agency employee other than an employee of
28 the Department of Child Protection Services or the Administrative
29 Office of Courts may be an intake officer or complete the
30 functions required by law of an intake officer.

31 (3) Each intake officer shall receive, at a minimum, six (6)
32 hours of annual training on MYCIDS provided by the Mississippi
33 Judicial College. The required training under this subsection
34 shall be in addition to technical training provided by the
35 Mississippi Supreme Court MYCIDS Information Technology
36 Department.

37 (4) The Mississippi Judicial College, in conjunction with
38 the Administrative Office of Courts, shall develop training
39 materials on MYCIDS:

40 (a) To ensure the accurate and timely entrance of all
41 intake and case information throughout the state by intake
42 officers;

43 (b) To ensure that youth court judges are equipped to
44 oversee the functions of each intake officer.



45 (5) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on
46 July 1, 2026.

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2025.

