

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Judiciary, Division A

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
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 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS FROM BEING YOUTH COURT INTAKE  
4 OFFICERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 43-21-351. (1) Any person or agency having knowledge that a  
9 child residing or being within the county is within the  
10 jurisdiction of the youth court may make a written report to the  
11 intake unit alleging facts sufficient to establish the  
12 jurisdiction of the youth court. The report shall bear a  
13 permanent number that will be assigned by the court in accordance  
14 with the standards established by the Administrative Office of  
15 Courts pursuant to Section 9-21-9(d), and shall be preserved until  
16 destroyed on order of the court.

17 (2) (a) There shall be in each youth court of the state an  
18 intake officer who shall be responsible for the accurate and  
19 timely entering of all intake and case information into the



Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services. It shall be the responsibility of the youth court judge or referee of each county to ensure that the intake officer is carrying out the responsibility of this section.

(b) No state agency employee other than an employee of the Administrative Office of Courts may be an intake officer or complete the functions required by law of an intake officer.

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

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

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

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

(5) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.



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

