

By: Representative Compretta

To: Juvenile Justice

HOUSE BILL NO. 510

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-615, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE TRAINING SCHOOL MAY RECEIVE PAYMENT FROM
3 THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A CHILD FOR SUPPORT OF THE CHILD WHEN
4 THE CHILD IS COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE STATE TRAINING
5 SCHOOL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-21-615, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 43-21-615. (1) The costs of conveying any child committed
10 to any institution or agency shall be paid by the county or
11 municipality from which the child is committed out of the general
12 treasury of the county or municipality upon approval of the court.
13 No compensation shall be allowed beyond the actual and necessary
14 expenses of the child and the person actually conveying the child.
15 In the case of a female child, the youth court shall designate
16 some suitable woman to accompany her to the institution or agency.

17 (2) Whenever a child is committed by the youth court to the
18 custody of any person or agency * * *, the youth court, after
19 giving the responsible parent or guardian a reasonable opportunity
20 to be heard, may order that the parent or guardian pay, upon such
21 terms or conditions as the youth court may direct, such sum or
22 sums as will cover, in whole or in part, the support of the child
23 including any necessary medical treatment. If the parent or
24 guardian * * * wilfully fails to pay the sum, he may be
25 proceeded against for contempt of court as provided in this
26 chapter.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2002.

