

By: Representative Hines

To: Juvenile Justice

HOUSE BILL NO. 1220

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-119, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT ANY YOUTH COURT JUDGE MAY SELECT A JUVENILE
3 DETENTION FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAILY
4 ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF A JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER; TO
5 PROVIDE THAT ALL JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS MUST
6 SUBMIT REPORTS TO THE JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES MONITORING
7 UNIT ON A QUARTERLY BASIS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-21-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 43-21-119. (1) The judge or his designee shall appoint as
12 provided in Section 43-21-123 sufficient personnel, responsible to
13 and under the control of the youth court, to carry on the
14 professional, clerical and other work of the youth court. The
15 cost of these persons appointed by the youth court shall be paid
16 as provided in Section 43-21-123 out of any available funds
17 budgeted for the youth court by the board of supervisors.

18 (2) Any youth court judge may select a juvenile detention
19 facility administrator, who will be responsible for the daily
20 administration and operation of a juvenile detention facility in
21 the county where the youth court is located; however, the ultimate
22 authority to administer a juvenile detention facility lies with a
23 youth court judge. The youth court judge may elect to contract
24 with a local sheriff or a private contractor to administer the
25 operation and/or specific services and programs for the juvenile
26 detention center.

27 All juvenile detention facility administrators must submit a
28 report on a quarterly basis to the Juvenile Detention Facilities
29 Monitoring Unit, as created in House Bill No. _____, 2004 Regular

30 Session. The report shall contain (a) the number of juveniles in
31 a juvenile detention center, (b) the number of youth who have
32 injuries or illnesses within a juvenile detention center, and (c)
33 all facility maintenance problems of a juvenile detention center.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2004.