

By: Representatives Carlton, Clarke

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-23-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE DRUG COURT FUND; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-23-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 9-23-51. There is created in the State Treasury a special
8 interest-bearing fund to be known as the Drug Court Fund. The
9 purpose of the fund shall be to provide supplemental funding to
10 all drug courts in the state. Monies from the funds derived from
11 assessments under Section 99-19-73 shall be distributed by the
12 State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Administrative Office
13 of Courts, pursuant to procedures set by the State Drug Courts
14 Advisory Committee to assist both juvenile drug courts and adult
15 drug courts * * *. Funds from other sources shall be distributed
16 to the drug courts in the state based on a formula set by the
17 State Drug Courts Advisory Committee. The fund shall be a
18 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal-year limitations, and shall
19 consist of: (a) monies appropriated by the Legislature for the
20 purposes of funding drug courts; (b) the interest accruing to the
21 fund; (c) monies received under the provisions of Section
22 99-19-73; (d) monies received from the federal government; and (e)
23 monies received from such other sources as may be provided by law.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2005.