

By: Representative Wells-Smith

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1223

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN OR LEGAL  
2 CUSTODIAN OF A MINOR TO BE PRESENT AT ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING  
3 INVOLVING THE MINOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Whenever a minor is required to attend any  
6 proceeding in any court of this state, the minor's parent, legal  
7 guardian or legal custodian shall be present with the child. For  
8 the purposes of this section the term "minor" means any person  
9 under the age of eighteen (18) years.

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