

By: Representatives Carlton, Pierce, Young

To: Juvenile Justice;
Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1279

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE APPOINTED ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING JUVENILES
2 IN YOUTH COURT TO ANNUALLY OBTAIN CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
3 RELATED TO YOUTH COURT PRACTICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Any attorney who is appointed as a public
6 defender to represent juveniles in youth court shall annually
7 obtain a minimum number of continuing legal education hours on
8 youth court practice and procedures as determined and regulated by
9 The Mississippi Bar. Such continuing legal education shall
10 include courses on the Youth Court Law, criminal law, Americans
11 with Disabilities Act and other relevant topics related to youth
12 court practice.

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