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## Bill [REDACTED]: Mississippi Juvenile Fees & Fines ([REDACTED])

### Bill Summary

Mississippi Law authorizes Youth Courts to assess administrative fees, fines and court costs against youth and their families during proceedings. Fees and court costs are variable charges intended to recoup costs to the court system and are not intended as punishment. Fines, on the other hand, are fixed monetary penalties related to specific types of offenses and are designed to punish youth for their mistakes. Separately, restitution includes costs ordered by the juvenile system for injury or loss incurred by victims.

**Restitution is not included in Bill [REDACTED].**

Bill [REDACTED] would amend state laws that authorize Youth Courts to charge youth and their families the fees, fines, and other costs outlined in the following table.

### Bill Provisions

Code Section	Descriptions	Amendments
§43-21-153(2)	Contempt of court fine	Amended to exclude minors. Clarifies fines payable to county general fund.
§43-21-605(5)	Disposition orders or alternatives fine	Amended
§43-21-205	Fees and fines for court services other than those authorized by §43-21-153(2) and §43-21-651(1)	Amended. No court, costs, fees, or fines,
§43-21-605(1)(e)	Participation in a constructive program of service or education fee	Amended. At no cost to the child, parent, or guardian.
§43-21-605(1)(i)-(ii)	Juvenile work program fee	Amended. Sections combined.
§43-21-605(1)(iii)	Juvenile work program fee	Repealed. No additional fine.
§43-21-605(1)(k)-(l)	Intensive supervision program fee	Amended. No cost.
§43-21-605(1)(m)	A-team care services fee	
§43-21-605(1)(o)	Electronic monitoring fee	
§43-21-605(4)	Family counseling and parenting classes fee	Amended. No cost unless external, voluntary program.
§43-21-605(8); §43-21-607(2)	Drug testing and treatment fee	Amended. No cost.
§43-21-607(1)(f)(i)	Wilderness training program, community-based care fee	
§43-21-607(1)(f)(ii)	Community-based care programs fee	
§43-21-615(1)-(2)	Institutional commitment, including medical or behavioral treatment fee	Amended. Costs to be billed to private or public insurance, and youth court designees must enroll eligible youth in public insurance before billing minor or parents.
§43-21-619(1)	Medical evaluations and treatment, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and other expenses found "necessary or appropriate in the best interest of the child" fee	Amended. No cost.

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§43-21-619(2)	Counseling or family treatment program fee	Amended. No cost if ordered to prevent future malicious destruction of property or personal injury.
§43-21-753	Teen court diversion program fee	Amended. No cost.