

State of Arkansas

77th General Assembly

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

Third Extraordinary Session, 1989

CALL ITEM

1069

By: Representatives McKissack and Jordan

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-20-102(a) TO ALLOW THE COURT COST IMPOSED BY A COUNTY FOR THE DEFENSE OF INDIGENTS TO ALSO BE USED TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF JUVENILE COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-20-102(a) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The quorum court of any county included within the judicial districts of the State of Arkansas, by appropriate county legislation, may provide for the creation of a fund to be used for the purpose of paying reasonable and necessary costs incurred in the defense of indigent persons accused of criminal offenses and in the defense of indigent persons against whom involuntary commitment procedures for insanity or alcoholism have been brought, and for representation in civil and criminal matters of persons deemed incompetent by the court due to minority or mental incapacity, which have been brought in any circuit courts, chancery courts, probate courts, or municipal courts within the county including, but not limited to, investigative expenses, expert witness fees, and legal fees. The quorum court may also provide for the use of the funds for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Juvenile Division of Chancery Court."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.