

1 HB204
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3 By Representative Wadsworth
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, attorneys who represent indigent defendants are compensated by the state at the rate of \$70 per hour.

This bill would require the Department of Human Resources to compensate attorneys hired by the department at a minimum rate of \$70 per hour.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Human Resources; to require the Department of Human Resources to compensate attorneys hired by the department at a minimum rate per hour.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the fee for an attorney hired by the Department of Human Resources to represent the department in a juvenile proceeding shall be based on the number of hours spent by the attorney in working on the case and shall be computed at a minimum rate of

1 seventy dollars (\$70) per hour for time reasonably expended on
2 the case.

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.