

HB 1795:

- DHS already works with established Adolescent Offender Programs, many under the guidance of County and Youth Court Judges
- As Governor said in veto, YMCA is outstanding organization
 - Should compete with other established programs
- Unfair to established AOP's for YMCA to be specifically mentioned in law to receive funds
- DHS works hard to protect Mississippi's children
 - Agency needs every resource to fulfill this mission
- Specific, line-item appropriations like this make fulfilling mission difficult