

SENATE BILL NO. 159

BY SENATOR CATHEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 804(1), relative to juvenile court jurisdiction; to provide relative to the definition of "child" for purposes of delinquency proceedings; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Children's Code Art. 804(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 804. Definitions

As used in this Title:

(1)(a) ~~"Child"~~ **Before March 1, 2019, "child"** means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act before attaining seventeen years of age.

(b) ~~Beginning~~ **From** March 1, 2019, **and through June 30, 2020,** "child" means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act on or after March 1, 2019, **through June 30, 2020,** when the act is not a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2, and occurs before the person attains eighteen years of age.

(c) ~~(i) After June 30, 2020,~~ **From July 1, 2020, through July 31, 2023,** "child" means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act on or after July 1, 2020, **through July 31, 2023,** and before the person attains eighteen years of age.

~~(ii) Notwithstanding Item (i) of this Subparagraph, a child who has attained the age of seventeen shall be subject to criminal jurisdiction pursuant to Article 305 or 857.~~

(e) "Child" includes any person alleged to have committed any delinquent act prior to his seventeenth birthday.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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