

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 258

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

JUVENILES. Provides relative to juvenile traffic violations. (2/3 - CA5s19) (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Children's Code Art. 951.1, relative to juvenile traffic violations; to provide for
3 definitions; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. Children's Code Art. 951.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 **Art. 951.1. Definitions**

7 **As used in this Title, "child" means any person under the age of twenty-**
8 **one, including an emancipated minor, who commits a traffic violation before**
9 **attaining seventeen years of age.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Lambert

Proposed law defines a "child" as any person under the age of 21, including an emancipated minor, who commits a traffic violation before attaining 17 years of age.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds Ch.C.Art. 951.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Delete proposed law exempting traffic violations from the definition of "delinquent act".