The original instrument was prepared by Xavier I. Alexander. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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Present law provides that, after June 30, 2018, "child" means any person under the age of 21 including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act on or after July 1, 2018, when the act is not a crime of violence and occurs before the person attains 18 years of age.

Proposed law revises present law and provides that on March 1, 2019, "child" means any person under the age of 21, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act on or after March 1, 2019, when the act is not a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2 and occurs before the person attains 18 years of age, provided that the office of juvenile justice certifies on or before January 1, 2019, that there is adequate funding and resources available to accommodate the projected increase in caseload.

Present law provides that after June 30, 2020, "child" means any person under the age of 21, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act on or after July 1, 2020, and before the person attains 18 years of age.

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Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch.C.Art. 804(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Revises definition to provide language as of March 1, 2019.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Clarifies definition of "child" relative to delinquency provisions in the Children's Code.