

SENATE BILL NO. 248

BY SENATOR JOHNS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 804(1)(b), relative to juvenile court jurisdiction; to amend the definition of "child" for purposes of delinquency proceedings; to provide relative to juvenile court jurisdiction over delinquent acts committed by seventeen-year-olds; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

Art. 804. Definitions

As used in this Title:

(1) \* \* \*

(b) ~~After June 30, 2018~~ **Beginning March 1, 2019**, "child" means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act on or after ~~July 1, 2018~~ **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 eighteen years of age.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_