

SENATE BILL NO. 3

BY SENATORS CLOUD, ALLAIN, BASS, CATHEY, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HENSGENS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, MORRIS, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES CREWS AND MIKE JOHNSON

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 Art. 804. Definitions

9 As used in this Title:

10 (1)(a) ~~"Child"~~ **Before March 1, 2019, and on or after April 19, 2024,**
11 **"child"** means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated
12 minor, who commits a delinquent act before attaining seventeen years of age.

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

18 (c)(i) ~~After June 30, 2020~~ **From July 1, 2020, until April 19, 2024,** "child"
19 means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor,
20 who commits a delinquent act on or after July 1, 2020, **until April 19, 2024,** and
21 before the person attains eighteen years of age.

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

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on April 19, 2024; if vetoed by the
2 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
3 the day following such approval by the legislature or April 19, 2024, whichever is later.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____