

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 41

BY SENATOR MORRIS

CHILDREN'S CODE. Provides that part of the Children's Code's purpose is to promote public safety. (8/1/24)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 102, relative to purpose and construction of the Children's Code; to provide that one purpose of the Louisiana Children's Code is to promote public safety; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Children's Code. Art. 102 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 102. Purpose and construction

The provisions of this Code shall be liberally construed to the end that each child and parent coming within the jurisdiction of the court shall be accorded due process and that each child shall receive, preferably in his own home, the care, guidance, and control that will be conducive to his welfare. In those instances when he is removed from the control of his parents, the court shall secure for him care as nearly as possible equivalent to that which the parents should have given him. These Code provisions shall be construed to promote the stability of the family, ~~and~~ to secure simplicity in procedure, fairness in adjudication and administration, ~~and~~ the elimination of unjustifiable delay, **and to promote public safety.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jonathon Wagner.

DIGEST

SB 41 Engrossed

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Morris

Present law provides the purpose and construction of the La. Children's Code.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the purpose of the La. Children's Code is also to promote public safety.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends Ch.C. Art.102)