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Present law provides that cruelty to a juvenile includes, among other criteria, the intentional or criminally negligent mistreatment or neglect by anyone 17 or older of any child under the age of 17 whereby unjustifiable pain or suffering is caused to the child.

Present law provides the penalty for cruelty to a juvenile shall be a fine of not more than $1,000 or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than 10 years, or both.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that if a person is convicted of the present law provision of cruelty to a juvenile and the victim is eight years old or younger, the penalty shall be imprisonment at hard labor for not more than 20 years.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 14:93(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changes the term of imprisonment from not less than five years nor more than 40 years to not more than 20 years.

2. Deletes provisions relating to penalty for second degree cruelty to juveniles.