

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 248

BY SENATOR JOHNS

CHILDREN'S CODE. Revises definition of "children" in the Children's Code. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 804(1), relative to children; to provide certain
3 definitions; to provide certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for
4 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" means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an
11 emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act before attaining seventeen years
12 of age.

13 (b) ~~After June 30, 2018~~ **On March 1, 2019**, "child" means any person under
14 the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent
15 act on or after ~~July 1, 2018~~ **March 1, 2019**, when the act is not a crime of violence
16 as defined in R.S. 14:2, and occurs before the person attains eighteen years of age,
17 **provided that the office of juvenile justice certifies on or before January 1, 2019,**

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.