

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 479 (SB 563)**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Walsworth**

Prior law provided 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.

Prior law provided 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.

New law retains prior law.

New law provides that if a person is convicted of the prior 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))