

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 306

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 819, relative to juvenile delinquency; to
3 provide relative to continued custody hearings; to provide relative to the time period
4 within which a continued custody hearing is required to be set; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Children's Code Article 819 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 Art. 819. Continued custody hearing; time limitations

10 If a child is not released to the care of his parents, the court shall set and hold
11 a hearing ~~shall be held by the court~~ within three days after the child's entry into the
12 juvenile detention center or shelter care facility. The three-day period includes any
13 day that is included as a legal holiday under Children's Code Article 114. When the
14 last day of the three-day period is a legal holiday, the hearing shall be set and held
15 on the next business day that is not a legal holiday. If the hearing is not held, the
16 child shall be released unless the hearing is continued at the request of the child.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____