

ACT No. 123

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 216

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:1595.3(C), relative to court fees; to temporarily suspend all juvenile court
3 fees, costs, and taxes associated with juvenile delinquency cases; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:1595.3(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1595.3. Fees; enumeration

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9 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, from July 1,
10 2021, until June 30, 2026, no court exercising juvenile jurisdiction in any parish in
11 the state of Louisiana shall tax or assess costs in a juvenile delinquency proceeding
12 against any juvenile delinquent or defendant, or the parents or guardians of the
13 juvenile delinquent or defendant, for any judicial expenses or to cover any operating
14 expenses of the court; including but not limited to any salaries of court personnel, the
15 establishment or maintenance of a law library for the court, or the purchase or
16 maintenance of any type of equipment or supplies, provided by R.S. 15:910, 1086,
17 1093, 1094.7 and 1097.7, R.S. 47:299.1, Children's Code Articles 320, 321, 335,
18 405, 607, 774, 781.1, 783, 793.4, 809, 811.2, 839, 848, 868, 888, 896, 897, 899,
19 901.1, and 924, and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887.

20 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to the enforcement of
21 fines or restitution in juvenile delinquency cases.

22 Section 3. The Louisiana Supreme Court shall distribute copies of this Act to all
23 Louisiana courts no later than July 1, 2021.

1 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____