

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 208

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

JUVENILES/JURISDICTION: Lowers the age for consideration as a juvenile in the criminal justice system

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 804(1)(a), (b), and (c), relative to juvenile  
3 court jurisdiction; to amend the definition of "child" for purposes of delinquency  
4 proceedings; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Article 804(1)(a), (b), and (c) are hereby amended and  
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 Art. 804. Definitions

9 As used in this Title:

10 (1)(a) ~~"Child"~~ Before March 1, 2019, and after July 31, 2023, "child" means  
11 any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor, who  
12 commits a delinquent act before attaining seventeen years of age.

13 (b) ~~Beginning~~ From March 1, 2019, and until June 30, 2020, "child" means  
14 any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor, who  
15 commits a delinquent act on or after March 1, 2019, until June 30, 2020, when the  
16 act is not a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2, and occurs before the person  
17 attains eighteen years of age.

18 (c)(i) ~~After June 30, 2020,~~ From July 1, 2020, until July 31, 2023, "child"  
19 means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor,

