

SENATE BILL NO. 159

BY SENATOR CATHEY

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

1 AN ACT

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

5 Section 1. Children's Code Art. 804(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
6 follows:

7 Art. 804. Definitions

8 As used in this Title:

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

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

17 (c) ~~(i) After June 30, 2020;~~ **From July 1, 2020, through July 31, 2023,**
18 "child" means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated
19 minor, who commits a delinquent act on or after July 1, 2020, **through July 31,**
20 **2023,** and before the person attains eighteen years of age.

21 ~~(ii) Notwithstanding Item (i) of this Subparagraph, a child who has attained~~
22 ~~the age of seventeen shall be subject to criminal jurisdiction pursuant to Article 305~~
23 ~~or 857.~~

