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Abstract: Amends the crime of second degree cruelty to juveniles to include the prenatal exposure to controlled dangerous substances.

Present law defines the crime of second degree cruelty to juveniles as the intentional or criminally negligent mistreatment or neglect by anyone over the age of 17 years to any child under age 17 which causes serious bodily injury or neurological impairment. Penalties consist of imprisonment at hard labor for not more than 40 years.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the crime shall also include the intentional or criminally negligent prenatal exposure of an unborn child to a controlled dangerous substance which results in: (1) observable and harmful effects to the physical appearance or functioning, or (2) the presence of a controlled dangerous substance found in the newborn that is not the result of medical treatment.

(Amends R.S. 14:93.2.3(A))