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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Seabaugh to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 159 by
Senator Cathey

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 17 in their entirety and delete pages 2 through 5 in their
3 entirety and insert the following:

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Children's Code Article 804(1)(a), (b), and (c) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted and Children's Code Article 804(1)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 Art. 804. Definitions

12 As used in this Title:

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

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

21 (c)(i) ~~After June 30, 2020,~~ From July 1, 2020, until July 31, 2023, "child"
22 means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated minor,
23 who commits a delinquent act on or after July 1, 2020, until July 31, 2023, and
24 before the person attains eighteen years of age.

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

28 (d) Any person alleged to have committed a crime prior to his
29 seventeenth birthday shall meet the definition of "child".

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