

# ACT No. 597

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM AND KNOX

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:81.2(B)(2) and (3)(a), relative to the crime of molestation of  
3 a juvenile; to provide for penalties for molestation of a juvenile in certain  
4 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:81.2(B)(2) and (3)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
7 as follows:

8 §81.2. Molestation of a juvenile or a person with a physical or mental disability

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10 B.

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12 (2) Whoever commits the crime of molestation of a juvenile, when the victim  
13 is thirteen years of age or older but has not yet attained the age of seventeen, and  
14 when the offender has control or supervision over the juvenile, shall be fined not  
15 more than ten thousand dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not  
16 less than ~~five~~ ten years nor more than twenty years, or both. The defendant shall not  
17 be eligible to have his conviction set aside or his prosecution dismissed in  
18 accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 893.

19 (3)(a) Whoever commits the crime of molestation of a juvenile, when the  
20 victim is thirteen years of age or older but has not yet attained the age of seventeen,  
21 and when the offender is in a position of supervision or entrusted with a supervisory  
22 role of the juvenile that includes but is not limited to a religious, charitable,

