

2024 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 11

BY SENATOR CATHEY

JUVENILE JUSTICE. Lowers the age for consideration as a juvenile in the criminal justice system. (4/19/24) (2/3 - CA5s19) (Item #11)

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 Art. 804. Definitions

9 As used in this Title:

10 (1)(a) ~~"Child"~~ **Before March 1, 2019, and on or after April 19, 2024,**
11 **"child"** means any person under the age of twenty-one, including an emancipated
12 minor, who commits a delinquent act before attaining seventeen years of age.

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

offered to incarcerated children.

Effective April 19, 2024.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 804(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Change date of termination of present law defining "child" for certain purposes from March 1, 2024 to April 19, 2024.
2. Change effective date from governor's signature to April 19, 2024.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Require that educational services, vocational training, and counseling be offered to incarcerated children.