

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 183

BY SENATOR CARTER

JUVENILE JUSTICE. Requires an adjudicated child to be offered education services, vocational training, and counseling. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Children's Code Art. 804(1)(d), relative to delinquency; to require the provision of
3 certain services to juveniles adjudicated as delinquent; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Art. 804(1)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 Art. 804. Definitions

8 As used in this Title:

9 (1)(a) * * *

10 **(d) A child who is adjudicated pursuant to this Article shall be offered**
11 **educational services, vocational training, and counseling.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

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Present law provides definitions relative to delinquency proceedings. Present law further defines "child" as follows:

- (1) "Child" means any person under the age of 21, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act before attaining 17 years of age.
- (2) Beginning March 1, 2019, "child" means any person under the age of 21, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act on or after March 1, 2019, when the act is not a crime of violence and occurs before the person attains 18 years of age.
- (3) After June 30, 2020, "child" means any person under the age of 21, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act on or after July 1, 2020, and before the person attains 18 years of age.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a child who is adjudicated delinquent pursuant to present law shall be offered educational services, vocational training, and counseling.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds Ch.C. Art. 804(1)(d))