

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 258

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. Requires seventeen year olds and above be prosecuted in district court for traffic offenses. (2/3 - CA5s19) (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 804(3) and to enact Children's Code Art. 951.1,
3 relative to juvenile traffic violations; to provide for definitions; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Art. 804(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and
7 Children's Code Art. 951.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 Art. 804. Definitions

9 As used in this Title:

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11 (3) "Delinquent act" means an act committed by a child of ten years of age
12 or older which if committed by an adult is designated an offense under the statutes
13 or ordinances of this state, or of another state if the offense occurred there, or under
14 federal law, ~~except traffic violations~~. It includes an act constituting an offense under
15 R.S. 14:95.8, an act constituting an offense under R.S. 14:81.1.1(A)(2), and a direct
16 contempt of court committed by a child. "Delinquent act" shall not include a
17 violation of R.S. 14:82, 83.3, 83.4, 89, or 89.2 for a child who, during the time of the

