

New law retains existing law providing that a child may be photographed or fingerprinted in connection with being taken into custody for the commission of either a felony-grade delinquent act or a misdemeanor-grade delinquent act. Also requires that fingerprints and photographs be maintained and indexed separately from those of adults and submitted to the central fingerprint repository of the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Prior law provided that upon reaching the age of 17, if the child does not have a felony conviction in adult court and has not been adjudicated for a felony-grade delinquent act, the fingerprint card shall be destroyed with the juvenile records in accordance with law.

New law deletes this provision.

Effective August 15, 2009.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 818(C))