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Abstract: Expands juvenile court jurisdiction in delinquency cases to include 17-year olds.

<u>Present constitution</u> (Ch. C., Art. V, §19) requires the determination of guilt or innocence, the detention, and the custody of person who is alleged to have committed a crime prior to his 17th birthday to be pursuant to special juvenile procedures provided by law.

For purposes of juvenile court jurisdiction in delinquency cases, <u>present law</u> (Ch.C. Art. 804) defines "child" as any person under the age of 21, including an emancipated minor, who commits a delinquent act before attaining 17 years of age.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends this definition, expanding juvenile court jurisdiction in delinquency cases, to include 17-year olds.

<u>Proposed law</u> further amends provisions of <u>present law</u> regarding expungement and placement of a child receiving mental health treatment as part of a delinquency proceeding to reflect this <u>proposed law</u> expansion of juvenile court jurisdiction in delinquency cases to include 17-year olds.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 804(1), 837(H), 917, and 919(A))