

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 41

BY SENATOR MORRIS

CHILDREN'S CODE. Provides that part of the Children's Code's purpose is to promote public safety. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 102, relative to purpose and construction of the
3 Children's Code; to provide that one purpose of the Louisiana Children's Code is to
4 promote public safety; and to provide for related matters.
5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6 Section 1. Children's Code. Art. 102 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:
8 Art. 102. Purpose and construction
9 The provisions of this Code shall be liberally construed to the end that each
10 child and parent coming within the jurisdiction of the court shall be accorded due
11 process and that each child shall receive, preferably in his own home, the care,
12 guidance, and control that will be conducive to his welfare. In those instances when
13 he is removed from the control of his parents, the court shall secure for him care as
14 nearly as possible equivalent to that which the parents should have given him. These
15 Code provisions shall be construed to promote the stability of the family, ~~and~~ to
16 secure simplicity in procedure, fairness in adjudication and administration, ~~and~~ the
17 elimination of unjustifiable delay, **and to promote public safety.**

