

The Louisiana Legislature passed Senate Bill 3 during the 2nd Extraordinary Session on Criminal Justice earlier this year. This bill was signed by the Governor, became Act 13 of that legislative Session, and became effective today.

Act 13 lowered the age of juveniles from criminal law violations from 17 to 16. The effect of this Act is that 17-year-olds will again be treated as adults upon arrest. Accordingly, any 17-year-olds arrested in St. Charles Parish will again be booked at the Nelson Coleman Correction Center as adults.