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ACT No. 396

HOUSE BILL NO. 178

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOERGE AND KATZ AND SENATORS MOUNT AND QUINN

(On Recommendation of the Louisiana State Law Institute)

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 437(A), 603(16.1), and 610(G) and to enact Children's Code Article 603(14.1.1), relative to the Children's Code; to provide for referral to mediation; to provide with respect to the definition of newborn; to add alcohol exposure to the definition of prenatal neglect; to provide for the duty of a physician to issue a report in certain instances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Children's Code Articles 437(A), 603(16.1), and 610(G) are hereby amended and reenacted and Children's Code Article 603(14.1.1) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 437. Referral for mediation

A. At any time the court may order the referral for mediation in any proceeding authorized by this Code, except domestic abuse assistance proceedings brought pursuant to Chapter 8, Title XV, ~~and the informal family services plan procedure of Chapter 5, Title VII.~~

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Art. 603. Definitions

As used in this Title:

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(14.1.1) "Newborn" means a child who is not more than thirty days old, as determined within a reasonable degree of medical certainty by an examining physician.

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