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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18-1013**

101     **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE WORK OF THE COLORADO**  
102         **JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COUNCIL,**  
103         **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DIRECTING THE COUNCIL TO**  
104         **REDRAFT ARTICLE 2 OF THE COLORADO CHILDREN'S CODE.**

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1             WHEREAS, The Colorado Juvenile Justice and Delinquency  
2     Prevention Council (JJDP Council) provides statewide leadership and  
3     advocacy to improve the juvenile justice system, prevent delinquency, and  
4     ensure equal justice and accountability for all youth while maximizing  
5     community safety; and

6             WHEREAS, The Children's Code Committee (Committee) of the  
7     JJDP Council has established two primary reasons for recodifying article  
8     2 of the Children's Code (Code) of the Colorado Revised Statutes: The  
9     first is to improve the clarity of the laws for those who implement them,

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 as well as those who are affected by them, and the second is to ensure that  
2 any future changes or modifications to the Code are in line with  
3 established best practices and current research; and

4 WHEREAS, The Committee has found that article 2 of the Code  
5 is ripe for contextual review given the advances in juvenile research that  
6 have occurred since it was last revised, including the increased  
7 understanding of adolescent brain development, youth development,  
8 effective public safety measures, and the need for family engagement, and  
9 the Committee believes these advances should be reflected in Colorado's  
10 laws; and

11 WHEREAS, To achieve these goals, the Committee has developed  
12 a two-phase approach: The first was to reorder article 2 of the Code based  
13 on how a juvenile proceeds through the system; now, in phase two, the  
14 Committee continues to work to improve article 2 of the Code by  
15 developing and proposing recommendations that are informed by the  
16 hallmarks of the developmental approach and existing Colorado practices  
17 and that are based on a series of strategic questions, research, and the  
18 foundational work completed by the Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, The important work of the Committee and the JJDP  
20 Council is paramount to creating a developmentally appropriate juvenile  
21 justice system that promotes public safety, individual accountability,  
22 juvenile rehabilitation, and positive adolescent development; now,  
23 therefore,

24 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first*  
25 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

26 That we, the General Assembly:

27 (1) Recognize that a developmental and evidence-based approach  
28 to reforming juvenile justice in Colorado begins with both the Juvenile  
29 Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council and the Children's Code  
30 Committee; and

31 (2) In accordance with these principles, direct the JJDP Council  
32 and the Committee to redraft article 2 of the Children's Code by August  
33 of 2020.

34 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent

1 to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council; the members  
2 of the Children's Code Committee; the Executive Director of the  
3 Department of Public Safety; the Executive Director of the Colorado  
4 Department of Human Services; the Director of the Division of Youth  
5 Services; the Director of the Division of Child Welfare; the Director of  
6 the Office of Behavioral Health; the Colorado District Attorneys' Council;  
7 the State Public Defender; the Director of the Office of Alternate Defense  
8 Counsel; the Director of the Office of the Child's Representative; the  
9 State Court Administrator; the Chair of the Colorado State Board of  
10 Education; the Colorado Commissioner of Education; the Colorado  
11 Association of Chiefs of Police; Denise Maes, Public Policy Director of  
12 the ACLU of Colorado; Rebecca Wallace, staff counsel at the ACLU of  
13 Colorado; Judge David Miller, 4th Judicial District Judge; Stephanie  
14 Villafuerte, Child Protection Ombudsman; Director of Probation Services  
15 at State Judicial; Chair of the Juvenile Parole Board; and the County  
16 Sheriffs of Colorado, so they can be informed and develop a process for  
17 involvement with the JJDP Council for involvement in this Code review  
18 and work.