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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.**

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,

SENATE
Final Reading
April 26, 2018

HOUSE
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April 24, 2018

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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, encourage the JJDP
32 Council and the Committee to redraft article 2 of the Children's Code by
33 August 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.