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LLS NO. 14-0215.01 Richard Sweetman x4333

HOUSE BILL

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Lee, Kagan

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL WORKERS TO JUVENILES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Juvenile Defense Attorney Interim Committee. The state public defender may hire social workers to assist in defending juvenile defendants. Any report prepared by such a social worker and submitted to the court by the juvenile's attorney shall be considered as evidence in the proper disposition of the juvenile's case.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 21-1-104, **add** (4) as
3 follows:

4 **21-1-104. Duties of public defender.** (4) THE STATE PUBLIC
5 DEFENDER MAY HIRE SOCIAL WORKERS TO ASSIST IN DEFENDING JUVENILE
6 DEFENDANTS. ANY REPORT PREPARED BY SUCH A SOCIAL WORKER AND
7 SUBMITTED TO THE COURT BY THE JUVENILE'S ATTORNEY SHALL BE
8 CONSIDERED AS EVIDENCE IN THE PROPER DISPOSITION OF THE JUVENILE'S
9 CASE, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 19-2-906, C.R.S.

10 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.