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RESOLUTION A

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SENATE Joint Resolution

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COMMITTEE JOINT RESOLUTION

101 **CONCERNING REQUESTING THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COLORADO**
102 **SUPREME COURT TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS CONCERNING**
103 **ADJUDICATION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PETITIONS.**

1 WHEREAS, The juvenile defense attorney interim committee was
2 created pursuant to House Joint Resolution 13-1019, which resolution
3 was adopted during the first regular session of the Sixty-ninth General
4 Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, The juvenile defense attorney interim committee met
6 during the 2013 interim to study the role of legal defense counsel in the
7 juvenile justice system; and

8 WHEREAS, The juvenile defense attorney interim committee has

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 recommended legislation to be introduced during the second regular
2 session of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, which legislation addresses
3 certain inadequacies in Colorado law relating to the representation of
4 juvenile offenders; and

5 WHEREAS, Actions by the judicial branch are necessary to
6 address problems identified by the juvenile defense attorney interim
7 committee and improve the juvenile justice system; now, therefore,

8 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*
9 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

10 (1) That the General Assembly requests that the Chief Justice of
11 the Colorado Supreme Court:

12 (a) Issue a directive to the judges of the state court system to
13 assign juvenile delinquency petitions, to the extent practicable, to a single
14 courtroom within each judicial district and to allow judges with juvenile
15 dockets to remain in that rotation so they may develop expertise in the
16 handling of juvenile cases;

17 (b) Convene a task force within the judicial branch of qualified
18 persons to advance the judicial branch management of juvenile
19 delinquency cases to include best practices in education of judicial
20 officers assigned to juvenile delinquency dockets, in docket rotation and
21 assignment, in management of juvenile delinquency cases, and in regular
22 educational opportunities for judicial officers in the areas relating to the
23 science of juvenile and adolescent maturity and brain development; and

24 (c) Establish a committee of qualified persons to review the
25 Colorado Rules of Juvenile Procedure, juvenile court forms, and Chief
26 Justice Directive 04-04 and make recommendations concerning any
27 amendments to the Rules, forms, or the directive that may be necessary
28 to improve the juvenile justice system.

29 *Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be
30 sent to Chief Justice Michael Bender, Colorado Supreme Court.