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**INTERIM RESOLUTION**

**Juvenile Defense Attorney Interim Committee**

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**SHORT TITLE: "Request Judicial Action On Juvenile Defense"**

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**SENATE 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.**

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

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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

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

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

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

13           (b) Establish a committee of qualified persons to review the  
14 Colorado Rules of Juvenile Procedure and make recommendations  
15 concerning any amendments to the Rules that may be necessary to  
16 improve the juvenile justice system.

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