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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Juvenile Defense Attorney Interim Committee

SHORT TITLE: "Create Juvenile Defense Division"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE DEFENSE**
102 **WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.**

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 bill creates the division of juvenile defense within the office of the state public defender and sets forth the duties of the division.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 21-1-107** as
2 follows:

3 **21-1-107. Division of juvenile defense - creation - duties.**

4 (1) THERE IS CREATED WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC
5 DEFENDER THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE DEFENSE, REFERRED TO IN THIS
6 SECTION AS THE "DIVISION". THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER SHALL APPOINT
7 THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION, WHO SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE
8 STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

9 (2) THE DIVISION HAS THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

10 (a) TO TRAIN, SUPERVISE, AND SUPPORT ATTORNEYS OF THE STATE
11 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE WHO REPRESENT JUVENILE DEFENDANTS;

12 (b) TO HIRE AND SUPPORT INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATORS AND
13 SOCIAL WORKERS TO ASSIST IN DEFENDING JUVENILE DEFENDANTS AND TO
14 RECOMMEND SUCH SERVICES AS JUVENILE DEFENDANTS MAY NEED,
15 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EDUCATION SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH
16 SERVICES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING SERVICES; AND

17 (c) TO COORDINATE TRAINING AND SUPPORT EFFORTS WITH THE
18 OFFICE OF ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL TO ENSURE THE QUALITY OF
19 REPRESENTATION OF JUVENILE DEFENDANTS.

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
23 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a
24 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
25 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
26 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
27 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

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- 1 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

