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HOUSE BILL 14-1023

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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.

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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.