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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-1021

101 **CONCERNING ENCOURAGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONTRACT WITH**
102 **TRAINED PERSONS FOR THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES**
103 **ON THE CAMPUSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

1 WHEREAS, The people of the state of Colorado have been
2 horrified by the tragedies at Columbine High School; at Platte Canyon
3 High School; in Aurora, Colorado; in Newtown, Connecticut; and
4 elsewhere; and

5 WHEREAS, Students of public schools are particularly vulnerable
6 to such tragedies; and

7 WHEREAS, State laws prohibiting the carrying of firearms on
8 school campuses, including the carrying of handguns by persons who

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 possess valid concealed handgun permits, contribute to student
2 vulnerability by disarming persons who would otherwise be able to
3 defend students and themselves in the event of an attack on a school; and

4 WHEREAS, Many Colorado residents believe that public school
5 students would be safer if properly trained security professionals were
6 permitted to carry firearms, including handguns, on school grounds; and

7 WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly has demonstrated
8 its concern with the issue of school safety by requiring each school
9 district to adopt and implement a safe school plan and by creating the
10 school safety resource center within the state department of public safety;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Section 18-12-214 (3) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes,
13 permits a school district to employ or retain by contract a school security
14 officer who, with a valid concealed handgun permit, may carry a
15 concealed handgun onto the real property, or into any improvement
16 erected thereon, of a public elementary, middle, junior high, or high
17 school while the permittee is on duty; now, therefore,

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

20 (1) That the General Assembly encourages each school district of
21 the state, through its authority to exercise local control and make
22 decisions that are best for students, parents, teachers, and administrative
23 staff, to consider employing armed security officers in each school of the
24 school district; and

25 (2) That each school district of the state, in interviewing and
26 hiring security officers to serve in schools of the school district, consider
27 hiring full-time or part-time peace officers and trained security
28 professionals who possess valid concealed handgun permits.

29 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Joint Resolution be
30 provided to Governor John Hickenlooper; Robert Hammond,
31 Commissioner of Education; the State Board of Education; Peter Weir,
32 Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety; and to the board
33 of education of each school district in the state.