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**HOUSE BILL 19-1149**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING DIRECTING THE AGE OF DELINQUENCY TASK FORCE OF**  
102            **THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE**  
103            **JUSTICE TO STUDY SERVING EMERGING ADULTS IN THE JUVENILE**  
104            **JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

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**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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill directs the age of delinquency task force of the Colorado commission on criminal and juvenile justice to study using juvenile justice services and systems for adults 18 through 20 years of age

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

(emerging adults). The task force shall:

- ! Compile data regarding all criminal filings in the state from the last 3 years that data is available in which a defendant is 18 through 20 years of age;
- ! Study the established brain research for emerging adults, study the data collected, study the potential impacts on the division of youth services and youthful offender system if they also served emerging adults, and make recommendations to the general assembly regarding appropriate uses of the juvenile justice system for emerging adults; and
- ! Create a report of the collected data and recommendations for the judiciary committees of the house of representatives and senate by March 31, 2020.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-11.3-103, **add**  
3 (2.9) as follows:

4 **16-11.3-103. Duties of the commission - mission - staffing -**  
5 **definition - repeal.** (2.9) (a) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2020, THE AGE  
6 OF DELINQUENCY TASK FORCE OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON  
7 CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SHALL COMPLETE THE STUDY DESCRIBED  
8 IN SUBSECTION (2.9)(b) OF THIS SECTION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
9 TO THE COMMISSION, WHO SHALL, IN TURN, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
10 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING AGE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUES. THE  
11 TASK FORCE MAY INVITE ADDITIONAL INTERESTED PARTIES TO BE PART OF  
12 THE STUDY.

13 (b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

14 (I) COMPILE DATA REGARDING ALL CRIMINAL FILINGS IN THE STATE  
15 FROM THE LAST THREE YEARS THAT DATA IS AVAILABLE IN WHICH A  
16 DEFENDANT IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, BUT YOUNGER THAN  
17 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, WHICH DATA MUST INCLUDE:

- 1 (A) THE AGE, RACE, AND ETHNICITY OF THE DEFENDANT;  
2 (B) THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE FILING;  
3 (C) THE CRIME OR CRIMES CHARGED;  
4 (D) THE DISPOSITION OF THE CHARGES FILED;  
5 (E) THE SENTENCE IMPOSED AND THE OUTCOME;  
6 (F) THE OVERALL OUTCOME OF THE PERSON IN THE SYSTEM AND  
7 WHETHER THE PERSON WAS SUCCESSFUL OR NOT;  
8 (G) ANY PRIOR CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT,  
9 INCLUDING ANY SERVICES PROVIDED; AND  
10 (H) ANY OTHER RESEARCH OR DATA THAT THE TASK FORCE  
11 BELIEVES WOULD BE USEFUL IN STUDYING AGE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUES  
12 FOR EMERGING ADULTS WHO ARE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BUT  
13 YOUNGER THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.  
14 (II) STUDY THE ESTABLISHED BRAIN RESEARCH, WHICH SHOWS  
15 THAT EMERGING ADULTS WHO ARE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BUT  
16 YOUNGER THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE ARE SIMILAR TO JUVENILES  
17 IN THAT THEIR BRAINS ARE STILL GROWING AND THAT THEY ARE LESS  
18 CAPABLE OF REASONED THINKING IN CHARGED SETTINGS, SUSCEPTIBLE TO  
19 PEER INFLUENCE, RISK-TAKERS, AND LESS FUTURE-ORIENTED THAN  
20 ADULTS; STUDY THE DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
21 (2.9)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION; STUDY THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE  
22 DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SYSTEM IF THEY  
23 ALSO SERVED EMERGING ADULTS; AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
24 COMMISSION REGARDING APPROPRIATE USES OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE  
25 SYSTEM OR YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SYSTEM FOR EMERGING ADULTS;  
26 (III) CREATE A REPORT CONTAINING THE DATA COLLECTED  
27 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.9)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY

1 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.9)(b)(II) OF THIS  
2 SECTION BY MARCH 31, 2020, AND PROVIDE THAT REPORT TO THE  
3 JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
4 SENATE OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

5 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (2.9) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

6 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.