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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF STATEMENTS BY A JUVENILE.**

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>.)

Under current law, statements by a juvenile concerning delinquent acts committed by the juvenile are admissible against the juvenile so long as the juvenile is accompanied by one or more specified adults during the advisement of constitutional rights and during the interrogation. A court decision found this to be legally sufficient even if the adult was shown to have an interest adverse to the juvenile. Under the bill, if an issue concerning the adult's adverse interest is raised, the prosecution must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the person conducting the

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interrogation reasonably believed that the adult did not have an interest adverse to the juvenile and helped safeguard the juvenile's constitutional rights during the interrogation.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-511, **add** (7) as
3 follows:

4 **19-2-511. Statements - definition.** (7) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING
5 ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, IF THE JUVENILE
6 ASSERTS THAT STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE CUSTODIAL
7 INTERROGATION ARE INADMISSIBLE BECAUSE A RESPONSIBLE ADULT HAD
8 AN INTEREST ADVERSE TO THE JUVENILE, THE PROSECUTION, AS PART OF
9 ITS BURDEN OF PROOF AT A HEARING ON A MOTION TO SUPPRESS THE
10 STATEMENTS, MUST SHOW BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT
11 THE PERSON INTERROGATING THE JUVENILE REASONABLY BELIEVED THAT
12 THE RESPONSIBLE ADULT DID NOT HAVE ANY INTERESTS ADVERSE TO
13 THOSE OF THE JUVENILE AND THAT THE RESPONSIBLE ADULT WAS ABLE TO
14 AND DID HELP SAFEGUARD THE JUVENILE'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
15 DURING THE CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION.

16 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (7), "RESPONSIBLE ADULT"
17 MEANS A PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN, OR OTHER
18 RESPONSIBLE ADULT WHO WAS A CUSTODIAN OF THE JUVENILE OR WHO
19 ASSUMED THE ROLE OF A PARENT AT THE TIME OF THE INTERROGATION.

20 **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act applies to challenges to the
21 admissibility of statements raised on or after the effective date of this act.

22 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.