

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the District of Columbia Establishment Act of 2001 to require the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to submit reports to the Mayor and the Council to determine what factors keep youth out of the criminal justice system and the types of school-based incidents that lead to a law enforcement referral or arrest.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Criminal Justice Involvement Reduction Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) In November 2020, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council published an extensive report, “A Study of the Root Causes of Juvenile Justice System Involvement”, as required by Section 1505 of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the District of Columbia Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 22-4234).

(b) This report showed that among the youth in the 4th risk quartile—those with the highest risk of becoming justice involved—there is still an 86.1% average probability of them not becoming justice involved.

(c) Based on the findings in this 2020 report, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council concluded that risk factors are not determinant of youth becoming justice involved in the future.

35 (d) Additional analysis of the protective and additive factors was required to determine
36 what factors are contributing to 86.1% of high-risk youth not becoming justice involved to
37 prevent as many high-risk young people from becoming justice involved as possible.

38 (e) Additional analysis is also needed to identify what school-based incidents lead to
39 criminal justice involvement, and what factors lead to that outcome.

40 (f) The Criminal Justice Involvement Reduction Emergency Amendment Act of 2021
41 expired on January 30, 2022, while the accompanying temporary legislation will expire on
42 November 13, 2022.

43 (g) New emergency and temporary legislation is necessary to maintain these reporting
44 requirements until permanent legislation is approved.

45 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
46 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
47 “Criminal Justice Involvement Emergency Amendment Act of 2022” be *adopted after a single*
48 *reading*.

49 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.