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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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16 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Criminal Justice  
17 Coordinating Council for the District of Columbia Establishment Act of 2001 to require  
18 the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to submit reports to the Mayor and the Council  
19 to determine what factors, programs, or interventions effectively prevent District youth  
20 from entering the juvenile and criminal justice systems and to analyze the types of  
21 school-based incidents that lead to law enforcement referrals or arrests.  
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23 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
24 resolution may be cited as the “Criminal Justice Involvement Reduction Emergency Declaration  
25 Resolution of 2021”.

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

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

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

36 (d) Additional analysis is needed to determine what factors, programs, and interventions  
37 are contributing to 86.1% of high-risk youth not becoming justice-involved in order to prevent as  
38 many high-risk young people from becoming justice-involved as possible.

39 (e) Additional analysis is also needed to identify what school-based incidents lead to law  
40 enforcement referral or arrest, and what factors lead to those outcomes.

41 (f) To ensure that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council can expeditiously produce  
42 these follow-up reports that could help target much-needed reforms and investments while the  
43 2020 data is still relevant, it is necessary to move forward on an emergency basis.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
45 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
46 “Criminal Justice Involvement Emergency Amendment Act of 2021” be adopted after a single  
47 reading.

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