



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR A REPORT FROM THE SENIOR STAFF OF THE CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) is an independent, not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization with a mission to work with individuals, communities, courts and other institutions to manage and resolve conflict. Since 1979, CCR has accomplished this mission by offering pro bono mediation services and conflict management training to Chicago area institutions, organizations, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Conflict Resolution offers a 40-hour Mediation Skills Training designed to provide a foundational understanding of the mediation process while simultaneously developing critical dispute resolution skills, such as Creative Problem Solving, Interest-Based Negotiation, Managing Emotionally Charged Situations, Reality Testing, Active Listening, Effective Questioning, Mediating Multi-Party Disputes. CCR's Mediation Skills Training program has been approved by the Presiding Judges of the Law, Chancery and Domestic Relations Divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County as satisfying one of their requirements to become a certified Mediator in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Conflict Resolution offers free mediation services in the community and through volunteer Court-certified mediators in small claims, eviction, juvenile victim-offender, mortgage foreclosure, contract, partition, business, condo association, neighbor, parenting, and other disputes. The Center for Conflict Resolution may be appointed to handle discretionary mediations by judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Conflict Resolution is supported in part by fees paid to the courts; the County is entitled to a refund of fees paid to them in excess of \$200,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the operations, funding, and potential for cooperation with the Center for Conflict Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a member of the senior staff of the Center for Conflict Resolution appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on the Center's operations, funding, and programming.