



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT SB 105 TO RESTORE FUNDING TO THE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) funded through the Illinois Department of Human Service budget is underfunded by almost \$ 300 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, CCAP began the FY 2014 year with a \$ 190 million deficit; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of care per child has continued to rise because more infants and toddlers are using center-based child care in greater numbers; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 100,000 families in Illinois depend on the Child Care Assistance Program to providing quality care for their children while allowing working parents to keep their jobs and continue their educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 176,000 children, it will mean the difference between being in a safe early childhood program or being home alone or with an older sibling; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has run out of money to pay care providers as early as February well before the June 30<sup>th</sup> end of the state's fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, this shortfall will create a significant cash shortage for the state and will cause payments for Illinois Department of Human Services to child care providers to be delayed; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 105 introduced on January 28, 2015 will increase Grants Associated with Child Care Services, Including Operating and Administrative Costs by \$300 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will assist working families to provide quality child care to the least of thee, our children, the next generation, our future leaders of tomorrow; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does strongly hereby urge the State of Illinois General Assembly to pass SB 105 to restore funding of \$300 million to The Child Care Assistance Program funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Governor of the State of Illinois, The Speaker of the House, and the Senate President and a copy of the same be spread upon the official record of this auspicious body.