



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CALLING FOR THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT OF CHICAGO-COOK HEROIN TASK FORCE AGAINST HEROIN AND TO ACT WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED TO ADOPT ITS FINDINGS AND IMPLEMENT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago-Cook Task Force on Heroin released its final report on October 6, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago-Cook Task Force Against Heroin was convened by Chicago Alderman Edward M. Burke and Cook County Commissioner Richard R. Boykin in September of 2015 for the purpose of exploring cooperative strategies for stemming the rising number of opioid-related overdoses and deaths in Chicago and Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, after one year of meetings, research and public hearings, the Chicago-Cook Task Force Against Heroin has produced a set of recommendations contained in the aforementioned report, designed to increase awareness, increase access to treatment for opioid addiction, and reduce hospitalization and deaths as a result of opioid overdoses in Chicago and Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned report specifically calls for increased availability of naloxone, a drug that can reverse the effects of a heroin overdose, and education for medical professionals and others about that drug; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned report recommends that Cook County inform certain employees of opportunities to receive off-duty naloxone deployment training and training to spot the signs of an overdose; and

**WHEREAS**, the report specifically calls for the Cook County Sheriff to distribute naloxone to individuals released by the Cook County Department of Corrections who are likely to use heroin upon their release from Cook County Jail; and

**WHEREAS**, the report also specifically calls for drug education programs, to which individuals may be referred by the Cook County Circuit Court, to include a naloxone component;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the final report of the Chicago-Cook Task Force Against Heroin be received and filed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cook County act with all deliberate speed to adopt the findings of the Chicago-Cook Task Force Against Heroin and, wherever feasible, implement its recommendations.