



Legislation Text

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MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Dennard, WHEREAS, the City Council of Cincinnati supports and expresses its appreciation for creative solutions to pervasive criminal justice challenges, particularly programs that increase collaboration between social service organizations and law enforcement institutions to prioritize positive mental health interventions, treatment and rehabilitation; and WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners 2017-2108 Work Plan and Policy Agenda included "developing new tools for law enforcement to reduce the incidence of recurring overdoses, including implementation of a pre-arrest diversion program" as a policy priority; and WHEREAS, in response, the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition conducted research and discussed implementation of Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD); and WHEREAS, LEAD is a program which allows law enforcement officers to make referrals directly to case managers who work with offenders to address issues such as homelessness, addiction or mental illness and therefore reduces crime and recidivism by addressing the underlying conditions that tend to precede criminal activity; (STATEMENT ATTACHED)(BALANCE OF MOTION ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE).