



## Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH DIVERSION SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE DRIVING DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR PERIOD AT NO COST TO CITY.

### CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Diversion Solutions, LLC, substantially in the form of that attached hereto as Exhibit A, for the administration of driving diversion pilot program for the city of Duluth. Funds generated by the program and collected by Diversion Solutions, LLC, pursuant to the terms of the agreement shall be deposited in Fund 110-110-1104-4644 (general, legislative and executive, attorney and human rights, miscellaneous fees).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the proper city officials to execute an agreement with Diversion Solutions, LLC, for the administration of the driving diversion pilot program for the city for a two-year period. The driving diversion pilot program was established by Laws of Minnesota 2009, c. 59, art. 3, section 4, and recently extended by the state legislature, 90th Session, HF470, Third Engrossment, Article 3, Sec. 29.

The driving diversion pilot program was created by a law written by criminal prosecutors from Duluth, St. Paul, West St. Paul, South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights. The program, working through Diversion Solutions, LLC, seeks to assist individuals who have been charged with driving without a valid license to earn back their valid license status through a supervised payment plan, a life skills course, mandatory financial management, and the issuance of a diversion license. Initially established for a two-year period in 2009, the state legislature has twice renewed the program and it is currently set to expire June 30, 2019. Additional cities and counties have also joined the program because of its success.

The agreement with Diversion Solution, LLC, is for a two-year period ending June 30, 2019, concurrent with the terms of the pilot program. The terms of the agreement are virtually the same as prior agreements. Under the agreement, Diversion Solutions, LLC, shall accept referrals of individuals into the program, collect enrollment fees, provide education classes, monitor attendance and completion of classes, maintain payment records by participants and pay to the city any fees collected that are owed to it. In 2016, the city collected \$4,850.00 through the program. In addition, the city has been paid a percentage of the fines forwarded to the state. Finally, the city has benefitted because participants are required to be fully insured and be in good standing with regards to their child support payments.