

**AGENDA OF MATTERS  
TO BE CONSIDERED  
BY THE  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RELATIONS  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017  
10:00 A.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBER – CITY HALL**

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**CITY COUNCIL**

1. A Resolution, introduced by Alderman Edward M. Burke (14), calling for the Chicago delegation of U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senators from Illinois, Senator Richard J. Durbin and Senator Tammy Duckworth, to facilitate the passage of Senate Bill 1615. (R2017-669)

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit of government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the City of Chicago may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; and

WHEREAS, The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, (“DREAM Act”) was first introduced in 2001 by United States Senators Richard Durbin of Illinois and Orrin Hatch of Utah in the Senate, and by Representatives Howard Berman of California and Chris Cannon of Utah in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the DREAM Act was originally introduced to provide relief to youth who reside in the country illegally through no fault of their own and are caught in a system where there is little, if any, means for legalizing their status. These smart, hard-working youth face an uncertain future because of their inability to continue their education, work, or join the military; and

WHEREAS, different versions of the bill have been reintroduced since 2001 without success; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois, United States Senator John McCain of Arizona, and United States Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina most recently reintroduced the DREAM Act with bipartisanship on July 20, 2017, with some urgency because a group of 20 state attorneys general are seeking to stop the renewal or granting of temporary deportation deferrals and work permits to young immigrants through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program; and

WHEREAS, the DREAM Act is designed to give immigrant youth an opportunity to share the American dream because they exemplify the best of the immigrant spirit and deserve an opportunity to use their skills and abilities to be successful in the country that raised them; and

WHEREAS, the DREAM Act calls for a conditional permanent residency (CPR) period to properly vet applicants for a period of eight (8) years to ensure they are of good moral character, free of convictions, and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, DACA recipients support this bill because it provides a definite path to citizenship instead of keeping them in a state of limbo as federal administrations change; and

WHEREAS, the Migration Policy Institute publicly stated that, “the DREAM Act would create unprecedented opportunity for many young people to step onto a path... that would require them to demonstrate either significant investment in their human capital or... service to the United States through membership in the armed forces;” and