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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill requires the state court administrator to submit a biennial report to the legislature on community dispute resolution programs, modifies grant requirements for such programs, and appropriates funds for new and existing programs.

#### Section

- 1** **Reports.** Provides that the state court administrator shall prepare a biennial report for the legislature that compiles statistical data regarding community dispute resolution programs, including the operation budget, types of cases referred, number of disputes resolved, amount and type of awards, rate of compliance, and other pertinent information.
- 2** **Grants.** Modifies grant requirements for community dispute resolution programs. Under section 494.04, the state or a municipality may make grants for community dispute resolution programs. This section makes two changes to the grant requirements. First, it provides that the program must demonstrate that at least one-half of its annual budget will be derived from "other sources" instead of "sources other than the state." Second, it eliminates the cap on grant awards.
- 3** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$290,000 in FY08 and \$290,000 in FY09 from the general fund to the state court administrator for grants for new and existing community dispute resolution programs.