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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

Mediation

The Joint Legislative Council Study Committee on Access to Civil Legal Services recommends the following:

- That the Wisconsin Supreme Court evaluate options for encouraging circuit courts to develop, or partner with, mediation programs as an alternative for resolving disputes and that the Court's evaluation include recommendations about: (1) the types of civil cases that might be suitable for these programs; (2) whether initial referral to mediation should be mandatory for certain types of civil cases; and (3) funding resources for supporting the use of mediation programs.
- That the Legislature consider expanding the use of mediation, as an alternative for resolving disputes, throughout the state. This could include broadening the circumstances under which mediation is required, providing funding to facilitate the expansion of mediation programs, or both.

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