



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### PRE-VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134 (“Union” or “IBEW”), the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (“JTDC”), and the Cook County Department of Facilities Management (“DFM”) have been working to devise and implement a Pre-Vocational Program for a limited number of JTDC Residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Facilities Management and the Union desire to enter into a Side Letter of Agreement to allow for the implementation of a Pre-Vocational Program; and

**WHEREAS**, said Pre-Vocational Program will consist of a 160-hour program per 12 month period, subject to further authorization and direction by JTDC through a Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by JTDC, Department of Facilities Management, and IBEW; and

**WHEREAS**, said Pre-Vocational Program (“Program”) is designed to offer a certain number of JTDC Residents approved by the JTDC with the opportunity to be instructed in the basics of electrical work while detained at the JTDC; and

**WHEREAS**, JTDC residents authorized as Program participants will learn craft skills, project management, safety equipment standards as well as the use of tools of the trade in a supervised environment; and

**WHEREAS**, IBEW has agreed to provide Program participants who successfully complete the Program, if implemented, with a letter of recommendation toward an apprenticeship if the JTDC Resident/Program participant were to obtain an apprenticeship in the future, along with a corresponding certificate of training; and

**WHEREAS**, said Program if implemented may be terminated at any time at the direction of the County or at the request of JTDC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Department of Facilities Management and the Cook County Bureau of Human Resources to execute a Side Letter of Agreement on behalf of Cook County with IBEW for a Pre-Vocational Program.