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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois**

**Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Human Services –
Division of Rehabilitation Services and the City Colleges of Chicago**

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that the Vocational Rehabilitative Act Amendment of 1998 required the development of working agreements between postsecondary institutions and the vocational rehabilitative agency in each state. These agreements were intended to foster a working relationship between the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) and educational institutions, and

These agreements outlined specific cost-shares for the various auxiliary services provided to customers such as:

- Sign language interpreters
- Readers
- Scribes
- Note-takers
- CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation)
- C-Print (speech-to-text system)

However, DRS has decided to reduce funding of these accessibility costs at postsecondary programs throughout the state by 50%, and share the cost for various auxiliary services, and

DRS will continue to provide the City Colleges of Chicago with technical assistance as well as in-service training. DRS will develop an Individual Plan for Employment for each college, and conduct a financial analysis on an annual basis to determine the extent of DRS financial participation towards the cost of customer's training.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approves the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Human Services – Division of Rehabilitative Services and the City Colleges of Chicago to share the costs to provide qualifying students much needed services to complete their course of study and obtain viable employment for independent living.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

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