



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Joint resolution approving the Workforce Development Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Four-Year Regional and Local Plans, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Job Center of Lake County, and authorizing execution of all necessary correspondence to submit these plans to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

- The Lake County Workforce Development Board is responsible for the development and submission of several required planning compliance documents as a necessary component to receive U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding, as distributed by the Illinois DCEO.
- The Northeast Economic Development Region Four-Year WIOA Plan was collectively developed by the seven workforce boards serving the ten counties of Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. The Plan provides innovative regional solutions to meet the needs of the key industry sectors of healthcare, manufacturing, transportation and warehousing and IT.
- The Lake County Workforce Development Board Four-Year WIOA Local Plan provides an overview of partner programs to ensure that job seekers, including youth and individuals with barriers to employment, have the skills to compete in the job market and that employers have a ready supply of skilled workers.
- The Job Center of Lake County Memorandum of Understanding was successfully negotiated among all the federally funded programs authorized under WIOA, agreeing to collaborate and optimize the quality of services provided in the Job Center.
- The Lake County Workforce Development Board approved the WIOA Regional and Local Plans as well as the Job Center MOU at its June 25, 2020 meeting.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the WIOA requires that local workforce development areas develop and submit workforce compliance plans in order for the local workforce development area to receive annual federal workforce funding allocations, as distributed through their State workforce agency ; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County is required to submit workforce compliance plans including a Four-Year Local Plan and a MOU for One Stop Center Operations; and

**WHEREAS**, in collaboration with other workforce areas encompassing the Northeast Regional Planning Area (including Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, McHenry and Will counties) as designated by the State of Illinois, Lake County is required to participate in development of a Northeast Region WIOA Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, an extensive public engagement process was used involving surveys, focus groups and public meetings and the Lake County Workforce Development Board has reviewed and approved the Four-Year Local Plan, MOU for One Stop Center Operations and the Northeast Regional Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Four-Year Local Plan, MOU for One Stop Center Operations and the Northeast Region Plan are hereby approved.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Illinois, on July 14, 2020.