How can I read data correctly from a line-sequential file that has a different encoding from the one used by isCOBOL?

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To solve this problem you can normally read the line-sequential file, then before using the contents of the record you can call a specific java function for the translation.

Attached below is a Cobol sample program that reads a file created with UTF8 encoding. For each record call Java class provides the translation into CP1252 encoding.