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Central Management Services, Dept. of

Bureau of Administrative Hearings annual report, FY 2023

The Bureau received 91 new requests for hearings from state agencies. It has two full-time administrative law judges (ALJs), and is training a reserve pool of CMS lawyers to help if needed. The Bureau expanded its Springfield office, and is exploring options for electronic case management software. Recommendations include creating uniform procedural rules for administrative hearings in all state agencies; getting ALJs nationally certified; and adopting a statewide code of conduct for ALJs. (Exec. Ord. 4 (2017); July 2023, rec'd Aug. 2023, 13 pp.)

Commerce Commission

Office of Retail Market Development annual report, 2023

By May 2023, ICC had certified 101 alternative suppliers for retail electric customers and licensed

358 agents, brokers, and consultants. Some 1,318,589 customers received electric supply from alternative retail electric suppliers, down 14.7% from 2022. Electricity supplied to the market by alternative retail electric suppliers fell by 8.7%. The Office began some needed rulemakings; it made no recommendations. (220 ILCS 5/20-110; issued & rec'd July 2023, 35 pp.)

Environmental Protection Agency

Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board report, 2023 P.A. 102-613 (2021) established a timeline for required replacement of lead service lines by municipalities and public water suppliers. The Advisory Board's Technical Workgroup studied lead service line replacement methods, implementation challenges, and workforce capacity; it stated that more skilled workers will be needed to meet the timeline. The Financing Workgroup studied costs of line replacement and how to fund it. The projected replacement

cost is between \$5.8 billion and \$10 billion. The Board's four recommendations include more research into funding opportunities and technical problems. (415 ILCS 5/17.12(z); June 2023, rec'd July 2023, 127 pp.)

Human Services, Dept. of *Community Emergency Services and Support Act (CESSA) quarterly report, April-June 2023*

The Act requires emergency response operators to refer calls seeking mental and behavioral health support to a new service that can dispatch mental health professionals in lieu of police. The Statewide Advisory Committee and 11 Regional Advisory Committees created by the Act are developing guidance, training, and performance measures for dispatchers and mobile crisis response teams. The report lists accomplishments and pending tasks, and discusses challenges and how to address them. (50 ILCS 754/70; June 2023, rec'd July 2023, 25 pp.)

Illinois Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security annual report, FY 2023

The Commission developed a 5-year strategic plan to meet its three statutory goals of reducing deep poverty by 50% by 2026; eliminating child poverty by 2031; and eliminating all poverty by 2036 in Illinois. The plan focuses on five objectives: (1) making Illinois the best state to raise families; (2) stabilizing homes and communities; (3) ensuring just and equitable access to economic security programs; (4) addressing barriers to paid work, education, and advancement; and (5) supporting trusted community-based providers to serve the needs of those in deep poverty. The report describes current poverty in Illinois and lists strategies to meet each of those objectives over the next 5 years. (305 ILCS 70/95-503(b); July 2023, rec'd Aug. 2023, 21 pp. + 3 appendices)

Interagency Working Group on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security annual report, FY 2023

The group was created to support the Illinois Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security. This report outlines state actions and commitments related to elements of the Commission's 5-year plan. (305 ILCS 70/95-304(a); July 2023, rec'd Aug. 2023, 9 pp.)

Insurance, Dept. of Workers' Compensation Fraud and Compliance Unit annual report, 2022

The fraud section received 30 allegations of fraud in FY 2022, far below the peak of 370 in 2018. The drop is believed to be due to more people working remotely. Of the 30 complaints, 20 warranted further investigation. The fraud section closed 59 cases in FY 2022 (some from previous years) and referred 6 cases for possible prosecution. The compliance section received 163 allegations of noncompliance with workers' compensation coverage laws; the Illinois Department of Labor sent it 43 complaints of Employee Classification Act violations. The compliance section opened 77 investigations and resolved 30 cases in other ways; the remaining allegations await investigation. (820 ILCS 305/25.5(h); undated, rec'd June 2023, 18 pp.)

Law Enforcement Training Standards Board

Mobile Team Training Units annual report, FY 2022

The 13 Mobile Team Training Units spent about \$10.8 million in federal, state (\$7.2 million), and local funds. They provided 37,319 hours of instruction; trained 197,517 registrants; and provided 716,022 total trainee hours. The cost was \$288.71 per hour, \$54.55 per trainee, and \$14.64 per trainee hour. The Units offered 84 mandatory firearms training courses to 401 officers. The report lists state funding to each Unit in FY

2022 and amounts projected for FY 2023. (50 ILCS 720/6; Jan. 2023, rec'd July 2023, 12 pp. + appendix)

State Board of Education

Chicago Public Schools Entanglement Report, 2023

The law making the Chicago Board of Education an elected body directed it to commission an independent report of the Chicago Public Schools' (CPS) finances and entanglements with the city of Chicago. The State Board of Education was to examine the report and make recommendations on the Board's ability to operate as an independent unit of local government. ISBE identified \$316.5 million in direct benefits and \$160.1 in indirect benefits from Chicago to CPS in FY 2021. There are also outflows from CPS to Chicago; the net result is a benefit of \$380.5 million from Chicago to CPS. ISBE identified some financial risk factors in transitioning to an independent unit of government, and made seven recommendations, including a high level of state funding for CPS to compensate for potential shortfalls after separation from the city. (105 ILCS 5/34-18.70; issued & rec'd June 2023, 13 pp.)

English Learners in Illinois, school year 2021-22

School districts enrolled over 273,000 English Learner students in 2021-22. Some 625 districts implemented Transitional Bilingual Education programs, and 581

districts offered Transitional Programs of Instruction. Over 7,800 teachers have bilingual endorsements in Spanish, and 19,045 have English as a Second Language endorsements (a teacher may have multiple endorsements). Some 87% of English Learners were in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, or Will Counties. Their most common languages were Spanish (75.5%), Arabic (3.9%), and Polish (2.3%). Most English Learners are in grades K-5. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.39(7); issued & rec'd July 2023, 37 pp. + appendix)

State Police, Illinois

Consensual eavesdropping report, 2022

State's attorneys in 55 counties filed eavesdropping reports with ISP; 29 of them reported no eavesdropping. The other 47 did not report. Counties reported 185 consensual eavesdropping applications to judges (172 original and 13 extensions). Crimes investigated were reported as 67% drugs, 15% sex-related, 5% murder-related, 4% theft-related, and 6% other; 3% were not reported. Eavesdropping brought 87 arrests with 37 convictions; 52 arrests and 33 trials were pending. (725 ILCS 5/108A-11(c); March 2023, rec'd Aug. 2023, 8 pp.)

DNA Testing Accountability Report, FY 2022

ISP laboratories received 65,175 cases and completed analysis on 64,371. The total forensic assignments

backlog was 7,887 at the end of FY 2022. ISP's biology program has two components: casework (forensic analysis of evidence) and offender database (Combined DNA Index System—CODIS). ISP spent \$22 million of state funds on its biology program in FY 2022. It employed 65 fully trained forensic scientists on June 30, 2022. There were 2,682 CODIS "hits" (when DNA from an unsolved crime is found to match DNA from another crime, enabling police to link them) in FY 2022, slightly below the 2,699 in FY 2021. (730 ILCS 5/5-4-3a; July 2022, rec'd Aug. 2023, 10 pp.)

DNA Testing Accountability Report, FY 2023

ISP laboratories received 67,983 cases and completed analysis on 64,498. The total forensic assignments backlog was 8,723 at the end of FY 2023. ISP spent \$22 million in state funds on its biology program in FY 2023. It had 62 fully trained forensic scientists on June 30, 2023, and had approval to hire 16 biology trainees and 12 forensic scientists. There were 2,830 CODIS "hits" in FY 2023, up from 2,682 in FY 2022. (730 ILCS 5/5-4-3a; July 2023, rec'd Aug. 2023, 10 pp.)

Firearms restraining order policy for law enforcement, 2023

The Commission on Implementing the Firearms Restraining Order Act met five times in late 2022 and early 2023. It published a model

policy with a framework for timely relinquishment of firearms if a firearms restraining order is issued. The report makes recommendations for amending the Act to ensure that firearms restraining orders and related search warrants are served expeditiously, while minimizing danger to law enforcement and petitioners. (20 ILCS 2605-51.1; May 2023, rec'd June 2023, 2 pp.)

Missing children report, 2022

In 2022, 12,466 minors were reported missing; 12,122 were found and 344 remained missing. Two AMBER alerts were issued from 25 requests; 23 did not meet AMBER system criteria. The report lists, by county, numbers of children reported missing and cleared (located, returned home, arrested, or found dead), and how many cases remain pending. (325 ILCS 40/8; undated, rec'd Aug. 2023, 12 pp.)

Nonconsensual eavesdropping report, 2022

ISP reports no counties with nonconsensual eavesdropping requests. Among Illinois counties, 55 submitted reports to ISP and 47 did not respond. (725 ILCS 5/108B-13; March 2023, rec'd Aug. 2023, 4 pp.)

Silver Search annual report, 2022

The Silver Search program was created to raise public awareness and use technology to locate missing persons with

Alzheimer's or dementia. There is no fiscal liability to the state; all activities are performed under the Illinois State Police. The program also works with the State Lottery to distribute information at digital lottery terminals. The task force met twice in 2022. There were 164 advisories disseminated in 2022, up from 132 in 2021. Of those, 135 involved people qualifying for Silver Search. Only one advisory remained active into 2023. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-485(e)(3); undated, rec'd Aug. 2023, 6 pp.)

Transportation, Dept. of
Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Study annual report, 2022
In 2022, 793 participating agencies reported 2,012,182 traffic stops; 24 agencies reported no stops; 21 provided incomplete information; and 188 did not report. The report estimates stop rates by race (estimated; each rate also has a 95% confidence interval): 0.1835 (White); 0.311 (Black or African American); 0.2036 (Hispanic or Latino); 0.135

(Asian); 0.28 (American Indian or Alaska Native); and 1.19 (Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander). Similar rates are estimated for reasons for stops; outcomes of stops; vehicle search events; driver or passenger search events; and dog sniff events.

Separately, 244 participating agencies reported 72,960 pedestrian stops; 302 reported none; and 459 did not report. The Chicago Police Department reported 94.4% of all pedestrian stops. The report estimates stop rates by race for stops, pat-down events, and outcomes. The report suggests considering all sources of uncertainty and confidence intervals in drawing conclusions. (625 ILCS 5/11-212(e); undated, rec'd July 2023. Pedestrian report: 16 pp. + 4 appendices, traffic report: 28 pp. + 5 appendices)

Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of
Illinois Veterans Advisory Council annual report, FY 2023
The Council met 4 times in FY 2023. The report describes bills affecting veterans in the

2023 legislative session, and activities to support women veterans and homeless or incarcerated veterans. It recommends improvements in employment after re-entry among veterans. (20 ILCS 2805/15(d)(4); issued & rec'd July 2023, 12 pp.)

Semiannual reports on staffing, resident complaints, and communicable diseases, Jan.-June 2023

The staffing report gives numbers of staff providing direct patient care at the five state veterans' homes. They had 31 resident complaints filed on official grievance forms or requiring follow-up: 1 in Anna, 8 in LaSalle, 13 in Manteno, 4 in Quincy, and 5 in Chicago. Most were resolved. The report also has statistics on communicable diseases requiring antibiotic treatment by type, month, and facility, and COVID-19 diagnoses. (20 ILCS 2805/2.07 and 2.13(b); June 2023, rec'd July 2023, 12 pp.)

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