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Aging, Dept. on

Home delivered meals report, FY 2022

The Department projected that 11.9 million meals would be delivered to 49,500 older adults' homes in FY 2022, and 1.8 million meals served to 61,000 older adults in congregate settings. At the time of the report, 151 older adults were on waiting lists for meal services; 79 older adults did not get home-delivered meals in FY 2021 due to lack of funding. Providers would need approximately \$1.1 million more to serve those denied or on waiting lists. The report also lists recipient demographics, locations, and types of meals served. (20 ILCS 105/4.07; March 2022, rec'd Dec. 2022, 103 pp.)

Auditor General, Office of the
Annual review of the Chicago Transit Authority retirement plan, 2022

The CTA retirement plan's funded ratio rose from 53.27% in 2021 to 54.99% in 2022. Contribution rates for 2023

are unchanged from 2022. An actuarial valuation projected that current contribution rates will cause the funded ratio to reach the statutorily required 60% level in 10 years (in 2032), and no increase was needed. The Auditor General recommended that investment return and inflation assumptions be monitored and justified each year. (30 ILCS 5/3-2.3(e); issued & rec'd Nov. 2022, 14 pp. + appendix)

Commerce Commission

Natural gas markets development, 2022

ICC certified 51 alternative gas suppliers (AGS); 85 AGS actively served customers in 2021. The difference between the numbers certified and serving is because large-volume transportation (LVT) suppliers need not be certified. Illinois has four utility service territories, served by Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas, and Ameren Illinois. All but Ameren have small-volume transportation (SVT) programs allowing residential and small

commercial customers to select suppliers. The report describes current market competitiveness and use of AGS in both LVT and SVT markets. LVT suppliers served over 30,000 large commercial and industrial customers. SVT suppliers served over 230,000 residential and 52,000 small commercial customers. No recommendations for legislative or administrative actions were made. (220 ILCS 5/19-130; issued & rec'd Oct. 2022, 22 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund annual report, 2022

The Fund collects money to help low-income households buy energy. In 2021, \$74.19 was deposited into the Fund. Its May 2022 balance was some \$14,547. The report summarizes issues preventing DCEO from achieving the goals of the Fund and states a goal to seek resolution of them. (305 ILCS 22/35; May 2022, rec'd Dec. 2022, 7 pp.)

Guardianship and Advocacy Commission

Annual report, FY 2020

The Commission protects rights of persons with disabilities through the Office of State Guardian (OSG), Legal Advocacy Service (LAS), and Human Rights Authority (HRA). In FY 2020, HRA investigated 291 cases and 89% of its recommendations were implemented by providers, helping 37,463 persons. LAS handled 9,689 cases and assisted 7,331 clients. OSG served 5,237 wards. The report also lists procedural changes due to COVID-19, and some fiscal information. (20 ILCS 3955/5; undated, rec'd Oct. 2022, 14 pp.)

Juvenile Justice, Dept. of

Quarterly report, July 2022

On May 31, 2022, 158 youth were in juvenile facilities, below capacity of 915; 250 were in Aftercare. General education program enrollment was 107, including 62 in special education and 22 in vocational programs. The ratio of youth to security staff was 1.6 to 1 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 2.3 to 1 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and 3 to 1 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The report also includes youth demographic data. (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-61(b); July 2022, rec'd Oct. 2022, 7 pp.)

Quarterly report, Oct. 2022

On August 31, 2022, 161 youth were in juvenile facilities and 270 were in Aftercare. General

education program enrollment was 99, including 57 in special education and 17 in vocational programs. The ratio of youth to security staff was 1.8 to 1 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 2.4 to 1 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and 3.1 to 1 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The report also includes youth demographic data. (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-61(b); Oct. 2022, rec'd Nov. 2022, 7 pp.)

State Board of Education

Illinois educator preparation content tests and pass rates, 2022

This report gives results, by institution, from August 2017 to July 2020 on educator licensure content tests for 54 higher education institutions with educator preparation programs. Statewide, 85% of examinees passed on their first attempts and 93% passed eventually. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11(d); issued Nov. 2022, rec'd Dec. 2022, 8 pp.)

State Board of Investment

Economic opportunity investments, FY 2022

The Board's investments in Illinois companies were worth \$494 million (2.14% of its total controlled assets), consisting of some \$303.5 million in public equity and fixed income; \$97.5 million in private equity; and \$93.1 million in real estate. Illinois-based investment managers controlled \$807.7 million (3.49%) of assets entrusted to the Board. (40 ILCS 5/1A-108.5(c); Aug. 2022, rec'd Nov. 2022, 19 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

Firearms restraining order policy for law enforcement

The Commission on Implementing the Firearms Restraining Order Act met 7 times in 2022 to develop model policy for issuing a firearms restraining order (FRO) and taking firearms if an FRO is issued. The report lists procedures and timelines to be followed; instructions to arrest persons who violate FROs; and FRO training requirements for police officers. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-51.1; issued & rec'd Oct. 2022, 18 pp.)

Juvenile charge report, July-September 2022

The State Police received 4,055 charge reports in the third quarter. They are listed by disposition, offense type, gender, race, age at arrest, and county. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355; Nov. 2022, rec'd Dec. 2022, 1 pp.)

Missing children report, 2021

In 2021, 11,156 Illinois minors were reported missing; 10,804 were found, and 352 remained missing at yearend. Five AMBER Alerts were issued based on 30 requests; 25 were ineligible under AMBER system criteria. The report lists, by county, numbers of children reported missing and cleared (located, returned home, arrested, or found deceased), and how many cases remain pending by county. (325 ILCS 40/8; undated, rec'd Nov. 2022, 12 pp.)

*Silver Search Task Force
Report, 2020*

The Silver Search program was created to raise public awareness and use technology to find missing persons with Alzheimer's or dementia. All activities are under the State Police; the program also works with the State Lottery to distribute information at digital lottery terminals. The task force met twice in 2020 to discuss accuracy and timeliness of messages and raising public awareness. Of 124 advisories issued, 105 involved people with Alzheimer's or dementia. By January 2021, 123 had been cancelled and one remained outstanding. Nearly 77% of all advisories involved people over age 60. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-485(e)(3); undated, rec'd Nov. 2022, 6 pp.)

Transportation, Dept. of
*Chief Procurement Office,
IDOT small business
contracting report, FY 2022*
IDOT reported total FY 2022 spending on construction projects of \$2.2 billion, with about \$252.7 million (11.7%) to small businesses. Small businesses received 616 contracts, with an average contract amount of \$410,184. IDOT's FY 2022 small business compliance plan has been submitted to the Chief Procurement Officer, who has approved it with some suggestions, listed in the report, to increase the pool of qualified small business contractors. (30 ILCS 500/45-90(f); Oct. 2022, rec'd Nov. 2022, 2 pp.)

*Chief Procurement Office
exempt contracts report, FY
2022*

IDOT's contracts exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code included buying 53 parcels for \$4.7 million. It also had 49 land acquisition legal services contracts; 81 railroad agreements; and 51 utility agreements that remain active. IDOT did not execute any public-private partnership agreements in FY 2022. (30 ILCS 500/1-10(b); Oct. 2022, rec'd Nov. 2022, 2 pp.)

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