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### **Agriculture, Dept. of**

*Agricultural Areas annual report, 2022*

Twenty-three counties have 56 locally approved Agricultural Areas, containing 122,755 acres. The report categorizes those Areas by county. (505 ILCS 5/20.1; Dec. 2022, rec'd June 2023, 6 pp.)

### **Arts Council**

*Biennial report, FYs 2021 and 2022*

The Council received General Revenue Fund appropriations of \$13.3 million in FY 2021 and \$13.9 million in FY 2022, plus federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts of \$1.5 million in FY 2021 and \$1.9 million in FY 2022. Its activities included preparing to make \$50 million in grants to 37 nonprofit cultural entities; distributing federal pandemic relief funds to performing organizations; and working with the Local Arts Network to reach rural communities. (20 ILCS 3915/4; undated, rec'd June 2023, 8 pp.)

### **Central Management**

#### **Services, Dept. of**

*State Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Board annual report, FY 2023*

The Board (created to review and make recommendations for improving workers' compensation) met three times in FY 2023. At those meetings, best practices were identified in the areas of subrogation strategy revision; request-for-proposal processes for third-party claims; regular meetings with the workers' compensation program administrator; and data transitions. (20 ILCS 405/405-411(e); undated, rec'd July 2023, 10 pp.)

### **Commerce Commission**

*Cable & video service deployment annual report, 2023*

Since 2007, the Commission has approved 28 applications from companies to provide cable or video services. As of 2022, DIRECTV, LLC offered access to 2.8 million households (29% low-income); Highland Communication

Services to 4,630 (21% low-income); Mediacom Illinois LLC to 246,960 (27% low-income); MCC Illinois LLC to 81,590 (31% low-income); Comcast to all 333,774 low-income households in Chicago; Computer Techniques, Inc. to 10,586 (34% low-income); Illinois Electric Cooperative to 1,369 (14% low-income); Mediacom Southeast LLC to 1,904 (38% low-income); RCN Telecom Services, LLC of Illinois to 820,750 (32% low-income); Co-Mo Comm, Inc. to 31,167 (35% low-income); iTV-3, LLC to 64,280 (26% low-income); Frontier North Inc. to 45,243 (14% low-income); Wabash Communications to 572 (21% low-income); Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. to 112,432 (32% low-income); Zito Midwest LLC to 2,682 (15% low-income); Telecommunications Management, LLC to 137,078 (36% low-income); Madison Communications, Inc. to 3,716 (4% low-income); Cass Cable TV, Inc. to all 10,471

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low-income households in its footprint; MCC Network Services, LLC to 267 (8% low-income); and Illinois Fiber Connect LLC to 541 (14% low-income). Surf Air Wireless, LLC planned to provide cable services in Ottawa, but reports currently providing no services. WideOpenWest Illinois, LLC transferred its authorization to provide services to RCN Telecom Services, LLC. Pavlov Media Cable Illinois, LLC reported that it is evaluating options for deploying services. (220 ILCS 5/21-1101(k); issued & rec'd June 2023, 19 pp. + 22 attachments)

### **Community and Residential Services Authority**

#### *Annual report, FY 2022*

In FY 2022, the CRSA facilitated service planning for 323 children with severe behavioral or emotional disabilities and/or complex educational needs. Children and young adults referred to CRSA often have two to five diagnosed disabilities, and exhibit four or more serious behavioral problems. All except one potential dispute resolution case was resolved by informal consultations. FY 2022 spending was \$636,412. (105 ILCS 5/14-15.01(d)(3); undated, rec'd June 2023, 23 pp.)

### **Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability**

#### *State Employees' Group Health Insurance Program liabilities, FY 2024*

The Commission projected costs for the State Employees' Group Health Insurance Program (SEGIP) based on information provided by the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) that indicated a continuation of existing contracts and negotiated rate increases for group insurance participants. CMS projected FY 2024 liability at \$3.192 billion, up 2.94% from FY 2023's anticipated final liability of \$3.101 billion. CGFA projected FY 2024 liability at \$3.227 billion—\$35 million more than CMS. The estimated number of SEGIP participants in FY 2023 was 355,078; total membership is expected to grow by 340 in FY 2024. Liability per participant is projected to rise from \$8,573 in FY 2023 to \$8,980 FY 2024. (25 ILCS 155/4(b)(2); March 2023, rec'd June 2023, 29 pp. + 3 appendices)

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

#### *Landfill Disposal Capacity Report, 2023*

Illinois' 36 landfills received nearly 42.9 million cubic yards of solid waste in 2022 (equal to

about 17.8 million "in-place" cubic yards after compaction). These landfills have a remaining combined available disposal capacity of slightly over 420 cubic yards million "in-place." The cumulative life expectancy of these landfills at current disposal rates is approximately 19 years. (415 ILCS 20/4; June 2023, rec'd July 2023, 10 pp.)

### **Human Services, Dept. of**

#### *Autism progress report, 2022*

The report describes the Autism Task Force's work and progress in these areas: (1) addressing early intervention services for children with autism; (2) improving family support mechanisms; (3) increasing adequate transition services; and (4) getting Section 1915c waivers. The early intervention committee surveyed behavior analysts and pediatricians on how to improve early identification of autistic children. The transition subcommittee developed a survey to assess family knowledge of services available to autistic students during their high school transition years. The adult services subcommittee studied community day services and how other states handle adult services. The insurance subcommittee will collect voluntary data on provider waiting lists and capacity to analyze statewide needs. In FY

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2022 the Children’s Support Waiver had 898 participants, and the Children’s Residential Waiver had 152 participants. (20 ILCS 1705/57; May 2023, rec’d June 2023, 12 pp.)

*Child Care Assistance Program report, FY 2022*

The Program spent \$1.03 billion; served 158,607 children in 59,295 families; and paid 15,037 providers in FY 2022. There were 23,131 children enrolled in day-care centers participating in the Circles of Quality rating system, and 779 Circles of Quality day-care centers, with 109 rated as bronze, 317 as silver, and 353 as gold. (20 ILCS 505/5.15; undated, rec’d June 2023, 11 pp.)

*Social Services Block Grant Fund and Local Initiative Fund receipts and transfers, FY 2022 fourth quarter (revised)*

The Social Services Block Grant Fund began the fourth quarter with \$500,000 and received \$13.4 million in federal funds. It paid \$6 million to the General Revenue Fund; \$2.6 million to the Special Purpose Trust Fund; and \$4.8 million to the Local Initiative Fund, ending with \$500,000. Local Initiative Fund spending in the quarter was almost \$4.1 million. (305 ILCS 5/12-5; Oct. 2022, rec’d June 2023, 1 p.)

*Social Services Block Grant Fund and Local Initiative Fund receipts and transfers, FY 2023 third quarter*

The Social Services Block Grant Fund began the third quarter with \$500,000 and received \$15.9 million in federal funds. It paid \$9.8 million to the General Revenue Fund; \$1.7 million to the Special Purpose Trust Fund; and \$4.4 million to the Local Initiative Fund, ending with \$500,000. Local Initiative Fund spending in the quarter was \$3.43 million. (305 ILCS 5/12-5; May 2023, rec’d June 2023, 1 p.)

**Insurance, Dept. of**  
*Workers’ Compensation Oversight Report, 2022*

Over 101,000 workers’ compensation claims were opened in Illinois in 2021. Illinois companies wrote over \$2.28 billion in workers’ compensation premiums that year. Illinois has the third largest number of insurance companies in this market (358), after Pennsylvania and Georgia at 361 each. Illinois workers’ compensation insurer profits rose 4.9 percentage points from 2020 to 2021; nationally, profits rose 1.7 points. Illinois insurers made \$593 million in indemnity payments and \$496 million in medical payments. The average premium on Illinois policies effective in 2021 was \$1.39 per

\$100 of payroll in the voluntary market, and \$4.01 per \$100 in the assigned market. (820 ILCS 305/29.2(a); undated, rec’d June 2023, 10 pp.)

**Labor Relations Board**  
*Annual report, FY 2021*

The Board’s State Panel handled 129 charges of unfair labor practices, 169 representation cases, and 323 mediation or arbitration cases (including 12 grievance cases). The Local Panel handled 85 charges of unfair labor practices, 29 representation cases, and 21 mediation or arbitration cases; it issued 1 declaratory ruling and handled 5 strike investigations. The report gives an overview of the Board’s functions and selected case summaries. Its FY 2021 appropriation was \$1.74 million. (5 ILCS 315/5(e); March 2022, rec’d July 2023, 43 pp.)

*Annual report, FY 2022*

The Board’s State Panel handled 145 charges of unfair labor practices, 185 representation cases, and 326 mediation or arbitration cases (including 7 grievance cases); it issued 2 declaratory rulings. The Local Panel handled 64 charges of unfair labor practices, 27 representation cases, and 9 mediation or arbitration cases; it issued 1 declaratory ruling and handled 1 strike investigation. The report gives an overview of the Board’s functions and selected case summaries. Its FY

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2022 appropriation was \$1.74 million. (5 ILCS 315/5(e); April 2023, rec'd July 2023, 46 pp.)

**Natural Resources, Dept. of**  
*Coal statistical report, 2022*

The state's 13 coal mines employed 2,447 workers and produced 39.3 million tons in 2021. The report has information on counties with mines, transportation methods, use of explosives, mining methods, office address of mines, and historical information on mining. It also gives data on physical characteristics of individual mines. (225 ILCS 705/4.18; undated, rec'd July 2023, 24 pp.)

**State Board of Education**

*Reductions in the use of physical restraint, time out, and isolated time out in schools, 2023*

P.A. 102-339 (2021) required schools to limit use of physical restraint, time out, and isolated time out, and required the State Board of Education to set goals for reducing use of such interventions. ISBE's work in this area included creating a workgroup to propose the goals; collecting data; creating an online platform for professional learning about

student discipline; and creating a statewide complaint process. For the 2023-24 school year, schools are to try to reduce both the number of uses of those interventions and the number of students experiencing them by 10%. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.130(e); June 2023, rec'd July 2023, 13 pp. + appendix)

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