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Reports Filed with the General Assembly

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Agriculture, Dept. of

Agricultural Areas annual report, 2019

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Auditor General, Office of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

performance audit on child safety and well-being, 2022

The Auditor General found that DCFS was unable to provide 98% of required home safety checklists (which are to be completed by DCFS when it determines that a foster child can return to parental custody). Some 58% of reunified families did not have documented aftercare services. Additional findings include that among 50 test cases, 18% of children in DCFS care missed at least one physical exam; 14% missed vision screenings; 56% missed hearing screenings; and 88% missed dental exams. DCFS' immunization recording system was found to be unreliable for testing. Recommendations include completing home safety checklists and aftercare services as required by law, ensuring that all children have required well-child visits, and guaranteeing validity and reliability of immunization data. (325 ILCS 5/7.01(b); issued & rec'd May 2022, 98 pp.)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2022

The Act requires a number of state agencies to report demographic data on their major programs. Central Management Services (CMS) identified one program for analysis, and will add another in the coming year. CMS is working to standardize definitions of demographic categories and start data collection. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(f); March 2022, rec'd May 2022, 2 pp.)

Child Sexual and Physical Abuse Task Force

Final report, 2022

The Task Force met four times in 2021. It heard testimony from people who work with abused children; it did not make any official recommendations. (S. Res. 58 and 523 (2021), issued & rec'd May 2022, 3 pp.)

Commerce Commission*Energy storage program report*
Public Act 102-662 (2021)

directed the ICC to study the implementation of energy storage systems in Illinois. Experts provided information in six webinars and four workshops. The report summarizes that information, including types of energy storage systems, benefits and costs of energy storage, and possibilities for energy storage under existing or proposed legal authority. The ICC recommended that the General Assembly appropriate funds for a consultant to study energy storage further, and that the ICC itself consider pilot programs allowable under existing legal authority to gather more information on energy storage costs and benefits. The ICC declined to recommend specific energy storage targets for utilities. (220 ILCS 5/16-135(d); May 2022, rec'd June 2022, 52 pp.)

Nuclear decommissioning funding assurance status reports

Public Act 101-44 (2019) required nuclear power plants to give the ICC copies of the nuclear decommissioning funding assurance status reports that are submitted to the federal government, and that the ICC give the General Assembly copies of those reports for “shutdown units.” The report contains two such status reports: (1) Constellation Energy

Generation, LLC on Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 1, which Constellation says has been shut down since 1978, and (2) Zion Solutions, LLC on Zion Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2, which Zion says have been shut down since 1998. (220 ILCS 5/8-508.1(g); May 2022, rec'd June 2022, 2 pp. + 2 exhibits)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of Bilingual employees report, 2022

DCEO has seven frontline bilingual employees; six speak Spanish and one Polish. The report gives their names, job titles, and job descriptions. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; Feb. 2022, rec'd May 2022, 2 pp.)

Illinois Works apprenticeship and preapprenticeship program evaluations, 2021

The Illinois Works Jobs Program Act (2019) set a statutory goal for apprentices to provide 10% of hours worked on large public works projects. As of June 30, 2020, 544 projects costing \$2.2 billion had been subject to that goal. The Act also established funding for preapprenticeship training, but a statutory change was needed to direct the revenue to the correct fund. DCEO received approval for \$10 million to be used in FY 2022 and is seeking applicants. The Illinois Works Review Panel made three recommendations for changes based on preliminary data:

adding explicit demographic criteria to the apprenticeship goal, educating agencies and contractors on identifying whether a project is subject to the apprenticeship goal, and examining whether greater linkage is needed between preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. (30 ILCS 559/20-25(e); Aug. 2021, rec'd April 2022, 4 pp.)

Report to the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission, May 2022

The report describes actions under the Restore Illinois plan for responding to COVID-19, including support to businesses, residents, and local governments. As of May 4, 2022, all \$250 million in Back to Business funds had been released. Community Navigators have provided technical assistance to over 165,000 businesses. DCEO expects to select grantees soon under the (1) Rebuild Downtown and Main Streets, (2) Tourism Attraction & Festivals, and (3) RISE Local and Regional Planning grant programs. Federal funds for child care, apprenticeships, and workforce recovery are being awarded. The Local CURES (Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Support) program closed in March 2022, after paying \$238.3 million to 1,090 local governments. So far in round 2 of the Illinois Rental Payment Program, \$75.8 million has been disbursed to 9,919 applicants. Applications

are being accepted for the new Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045(c); issued & rec'd May 2022, 9 pp.)

Commission on Equity and Inclusion

Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities, FY 2021 annual report

State agencies and universities made about \$885 million in contracts with businesses certified under the program—17.9% of all eligible contracts, slightly under the goal of 20%. Some 1,245 certified vendors participated in the program, the most to date. Statistics for each state agency and university are included. This program was moved from CMS to the Commission in 2022. (30 ILCS 575/4f(4); undated, rec'd April 2022, 108 pp.)

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

Capital Plan Analysis, FY 2023

The Governor's FY 2023 capital budget proposal had \$4.108 billion in new appropriations and \$42.356 billion in re-appropriations. Illinois is expected to get \$17 billion plus possible grants from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. In FY 2022, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) estimated sales of \$1.081 billion in G.O. bonds for capital projects, \$148 million

in Pension Acceleration bonds, and \$350 million in Build Illinois bonds. GOMB plans to sell \$2.597 billion in G.O. bonds for capital projects, \$115 million in Pension Acceleration bonds, and \$700 million in Build Illinois bonds in FY 2023. Current G.O. bond authorization for capital projects is \$51.5 billion, with \$20.8 billion unused at the time of the report. It summarizes proposed capital projects by agency, current bonds topics, and bond debt not supported by the state. (25 ILCS 155/3(8); issued & rec'd April 2022, 103 pp. + 6 appendices)

Gaming Board, Illinois

Casino owner diversity reports, 2021

As required by the Illinois Gambling Act, the Board provided a copy of each casino owner licensee's annual diversity report. Each report includes the casino's affirmative action plan; a description of its use of businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities; and its efforts to attract diverse investors and businesses. (230 ILCS 10/7.11(b); Jan. 2021, rec'd April 2022, 62 pp.)

Public Health, Dept. of

Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure grants, 2022

The Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure lottery had \$2.46 million in sales in FY 2021, making \$643,172 available for grants. Seven community grants totaling \$922,437 were made from July 2021 through

December 2022 to encourage breast cancer screening, reduce barriers, and guide patients through the continuum of care when a diagnosis is received; grantees report progress to IDPH quarterly, semi-annually, and annually. (20 ILCS 2310/2310-347(c-5); April 2022, rec'd May 2022, 3 pp.)

Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2022

The Department of Public Health (IDPH) identified 22 programs for analysis. It determined that one demographic category (sex) is defined and standardized across all those programs; IDPH is working on standardizing the remaining categories. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(f); March 2022, rec'd May 2022, 3 pp.)

Opioid overdose semiannual report, 2021 preliminary data

Preliminary data show that opioid overdose deaths to Illinois residents rose 2.3% from 2,944 in 2020 to 3,013 in 2021. The highest number of such fatalities in 2021 was in non-Hispanic whites (1,468); the highest rate was in non-Hispanic blacks (60.8 per 100,000). In 2021, Winnebago County had the highest opioid fatality rate in Illinois (43.4 per 100,000). Synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, are the leading cause of fatal drug overdoses statewide. (210 ILCS 85/6.14g(d); issued & rec'd May 2022, 5 pp.)

State Board of Education*Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2022*

ISBE identified 9 programs for analysis, and determined that 5 demographic categories are already defined and standardized for those programs: race/ethnicity; age; disability status; gender; and primary or preferred language. ISBE will work to standardize definitions for “sex” and “sexual orientation,” and start collecting data in the coming year. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(f); March 2022, rec’d May 2022, 2 pp.)

Illinois educator preparation content tests and pass rates, Aug. 2020-July 2021

The report shows pass rates (both on first attempts and for cumulative attempts) on

educator licensure content tests across 54 institutions of higher education having educator preparation programs. (This is a partial report with only 1 year of data; the next full report in 2024 will contain 3 years of data). Statewide, 80% of examinees passed content tests on first attempts, and 86% passed on first, second, or later attempts. Results are listed by institution. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11(d); Aug. 2021, rec’d April 2022, 4 pp.)

Special education spending and receipts, FY 2021

The report lists school districts’ special education spending; receipts from local, state, and federal sources; and net education spending exceeding such receipts, based on districts’ FY 2021 financial reports. Net special education spending per

child was \$6,440 in FY 2021. Statewide net special education spending rose from \$2.0 billion in FY 2020 to \$2.1 billion in FY 2021. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.145; issued & rec’d April 2022, 18 pp. + 2 appendices)

State Board of Investments*Economic opportunity investments, FY 2021*

The Board’s investments in Illinois companies were worth \$511.9 million (2.09% of its total controlled assets): \$347.4 million in public equity and fixed income; \$88.7 million in real estate; and \$75.7 million in private equity. Illinois-based investment managers controlled \$864.4 million (3.52%) of assets entrusted to the Board. (40 ILCS 5/1A-108.5(c); Aug. 2021, rec’d April 2022, 17 pp.)

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