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Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Cannabis Social Equity Program annual report, 2022

The Program makes grants and loans to help conditional cannabis business licensees who have been, or have family who have been, arrested for cannabis offenses, or who come from areas of high poverty and high rates of arrest for cannabis offenses. Two participation loans totaling \$1.5 million have been made to a craft grower and an infuser, and \$5.1 million more is committed to eight other borrowers. A new direct forgivable loan program will begin soon. Some 836 businesses received technical assistance. (410 ILCS 705/7-15(e); undated, rec'd May 2023, 8 pp.)

Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois Act annual report, 2021

The Act, enacted in late 2021, provides tax exemptions and credits to manufacturers of electric vehicles and parts. The Department received no

requests for incentives in 2021. Department officials are meeting with manufacturers and charging companies to raise awareness and promote the program. (20 ILCS 686/75(a); July 2022, rec'd Apr. 2023, 7 pp.)

Council on Women and Girls

Annual report, 2022

The Council held 4 meetings in 2022, and 4 sub-committees convened virtually between meetings. The report describes the progress of the Council on advancing the 14 recommendations it made in its first year, in the areas of gender-based violence, health, leadership and inclusion, and academic and economic opportunity. In addition, the Council hosted a "Know Your Rights" webinar; had a presentation from the Girls in the Game organization; and held its 4th quarter Council meeting at Chicago Women in Trades with various speakers. (20 ILCS 5130/30; Dec. 2022, rec'd May 2023, 12 pp.)

Criminal Justice Information Authority

Firearm Prohibitors and Records Improvement Task Force report, 2022

The Task Force is to identify funds that may be available to entities responsible for reporting firearm prohibitors (factors that prohibit the transfer or possession of a firearm) to law enforcement, and to identify gaps in firearm prohibitor reporting. It met twice in 2022. The report describes several next steps for the Task Force, including identifying the prohibitors that most often cause FOID card denial or revocation; identifying available grants; and inventorying current firearm reporting requirements and any gaps in them. (20 ILCS 3930/7.9(d); undated, rec'd May 2023, 7 pp. + appendix)

Human Services, Dept. of

Reimagine Public Safety Act year-end report, 2022

The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, established by the

Act in 2021, and the Firearm Violence Research Group listed the cities and communities with the highest rates of firearm violence that are eligible for grants and other assistance under the Act. Some \$250 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds was allocated for that purpose. The report describes how the money is being distributed; gives demographic information on persons served; and describes programs being developed. (430 ILCS 69/35-20(e); issued & rec'd May 2023, 37 pp. + appendix)

Human Services, Dept. of
Youth Transitional Living Housing Program report, 2022
DHS is to report on the number of homeless minors referred to youth transitional housing programs. A 2018 law allowed homeless youth between ages 16 and 18 years to join such programs without parental consent in some circumstances, even if they are not emancipated. There are no providers with Youth Transitional Housing Licenses now; only two agencies ever had them. Neither of them served any emancipated or partially emancipated youth under the program, and neither has renewed its license. Separately, DHS's Emergency and Transitional Housing Program served 14,890 adults and 5,208 children in FY 2021 with beds, meals,

and supportive services; 2022 numbers are not yet reported. Emancipated minors and unaccompanied youth were counted as adults. (750 ILCS 30/2(g); April 2022, rec'd April 2023, 9 pp. + appendix)

Innovation & Technology, Dept. of

Annual report, 2022
DoIT was created in 2016 to accelerate the state's information technology environment. It delivers technology services to state agencies, helps develop telecommunications policy and standards, and protects the security of the state's data. DoIT has standardized information technology operations in 29 agencies, and IT personnel functions in 25. Its appropriation was \$930.4 million in FY 2022 and \$969.3 million in FY 2023. The report summarizes its achievements in 2022, focusing on improving customer experiences; implementing zero-trust cybersecurity measures; and modernizing legacy apps. (Exec. Ord. 2016-1; Dec. 2022, rec'd May 2023, 6 pp. + 2 appendices)

Lottery, Dept. of the
Private management agreement annual report, FY 2022

This report was due before the fiscal 2022 year-end, so it gave data for only the first three quarters of FY 2022. During that time, Lottery operating

revenues were \$2.6 billion, up 0.6% from the same period in FY 2021. Required transfers to the Common School Fund were made, rising 5% from the same time in FY 2021. Approximately \$7 million was transferred to specialty causes through their ticket sales. Internet sales in the iLottery program exceeded \$191 million (7.5% of total sales). The Lottery launched a responsible gaming campaign, and trained employees to promote responsible gaming. (20 ILCS 1605/9.1(p)(3); undated, rec'd May 2023, 8 pp.)

State Board of Education
Educational mandates report, FY 2022

The report lists 18 new school mandates, of which 10 impose no added costs and 8 had costs that could not be estimated. Among others, schools must offer career development activities for students in grades 6-12 starting in FY 2026; offer a plant-based lunch option to students who submit requests; and allow middle or high school students one excused absence per year to take part in a civic event. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.104; issued & rec'd May 2023, 13 pp.)

Special education spending and receipts, FY 2022

The report lists school districts' special education spending; receipts from local, state, and federal sources; and net

education spending exceeding such receipts, based on their FY 2022 financial reports. Net special education spending per child was \$7,195 in FY 2022. Statewide net special education spending rose from \$2.1 billion in FY 2021 to \$2.3 billion in FY 2022. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.145; issued & rec'd May 2023, 36 pp. + 2 appendices)

State Police, Illinois

FOID Card Review Board monthly report, March 2023

The Board hears petitions from persons whose FOID card applications are denied or whose cards are revoked. In March, 13 cases were presented to the Board. It granted relief in 9 cases and asked for more

information in 3. In 1 case, it denied relief and the petitioner requested time to gather more information. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9)); issued & rec'd April 2023, 2 pp.)

Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of
Veterans' Service-Related Ailments Task Force report

The Task Force focused on ways Illinois can improve disability compensation claim approval for Illinois veterans. In FY 2021 Illinois veterans received on average \$18,762—slightly above the national average of \$18,129—in federal veterans' compensation. But in FYs 2017 to 2021, Illinois had one of the smallest

percentages of veterans receiving compensation (17.3%); the national average was 24.9%. The Task Force recommended (1) having a Re-Entry to Illinois program twice yearly to tell returning veterans about available benefits; (2) use advertisements, surveys, state-sponsored events, and programs to educate veterans about their benefits; and (3) train veteran health providers on the importance of their medical assessments to help veterans receive benefits. (20 ILCS 2805/38(e); Dec. 2022, rec'd May 2023, 12 pp. + attachment)

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