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Auditor General, Office of the Annual report, 2022

The Compliance Audit Division conducted engagements at 92 agencies in FY 2022, including compliance examinations, financial audits, and federal audits. The Auditor General's staff did 23 audits; accounting firms did the rest. The report summarizes important audit findings. Highlights: The state government as a whole continues to have inadequate financial reporting processes, harming financial oversight and information security; the Department of Employment Security had inadequate controls over pandemic-related unemployment aid and lacked accurate and complete claimant data; auditing agreements between the Department of Central Management Services and seven other state agencies were inadequate, resulting in lack of full-time internal auditors at four agencies during the audit period; and the Illinois Community College Board suffered total loss of its electronic data (which had not

been successfully backed up) in a power outage. The Division also performed a Statewide Single Audit as required for the state to receive federal funds.

The Performance Audit Division released 3 performance audits and 3 reviews in 2022; findings are summarized. The Division released 35 audits of Regional Offices of Education and 3 of Intermediate Service Centers. Performance audits in progress are described. The Auditor General performed information system reviews at many agencies and state universities, often finding inadequate computer security controls. (30 ILCS 5/3-15; Feb. 2023, rec'd March 2023; 52 pp.)

Central Management Services, Dept. of Annual Lease and Purchase Option Report, 2023
CMS is to report annually on its installment or lease purchases, with an analysis of whether the state should exercise purchase options on

leased buildings. It contracted with Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) to analyze three leased state properties in Springfield, Granite City, and Harvey whose leases will expire in 2024. JLL recommends continuing to lease the properties in Springfield and Granite City, and to consider buying the property in Harvey. A detailed analysis of each property is included. JLL also recommends that CMS complete a portfolio assessment for all owned or leased properties to determine actual space requirements and find consolidation opportunities. (20 ILCS 405/405-300(h)(4); undated, rec'd Feb. 2023, 40 pp.)

Flex time report, 2023

The Personnel Code requires agencies to have plans to reduce need for day care through flex time for eligible employees. Some 29% of Personnel Code employees used flex time in 2022. The report lists their numbers at each agency. (20 ILCS 415/9(13); Jan. 2023, rec'd March 2023, 2 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Illinois film tax credit annual report, FY 2022

Film production created 16,025 jobs (excluding vendors), plus 13,164 jobs for extras. There were 12,752 technical crew and office staff (28% nonwhite and 18% white women). The report estimates approximately \$274.0 million in qualified wages; nearly \$462 million in total qualified expenses; and 195 tax credits issued. It also lists vendors that provided goods or services for productions, and payments to them. (35 ILCS 16/45(c); undated, rec'd Feb. 2023, 17 pp.)

Live Theater Tax Credit annual report, FY 2022

The report lists 942 production, technical, and support hires (26% nonwhite and 18% white women). Live theater productions brought \$19.4 million in spending to Illinois. Sixteen vendors are reported; spending on them approached \$8.1 million, including \$7.5 million on one vendor. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(c); undated, rec'd Feb. 2023, 2 pp.)

Urban Weatherization program, FY 2022

The program was designed to offer work opportunities and reduce energy use in urban households by weatherization. It has not been funded, and no grants have been issued, since FY 2016. (30 ILCS 738/40-40(h); Dec. 2022, rec'd Feb. 2023, 1 p.)

Community College Board
Adult Education and Literacy annual report, FY 2022

Adult education programs served 42,431 students: 24,057 English Language Acquisition students, 10,525 Adult Basic Education, 5,629 Adult Secondary Education, 1,628 earning high school credit, and 592 vocational students. Adult education providers were community colleges (38); community-based organizations (17); local education agencies (8); faith-based organizations (3); corrections and re-entry focused programs (3); 4-year institutions (1); and the Department of Corrections (1), totaling 71. (105 ILCS 405/2-4; undated, rec'd March 2023, 7 pp.)

Comptroller, Office of the
Receivables report, 2022

Gross receivables due to the state at the end of calendar 2022 were \$17.017 billion—down \$123 million from \$17.140 billion the preceding year. Net receivables (believed to be collectible) were \$4.302 billion. Child support claims are the largest group of receivables available for collection (27%), followed by public assistance recoveries (22%), “other” (licenses, fees, federal reimbursements, sales and service charges, etc.) (20%), taxes (14%), university activities (12%), interest and investment income (3%), contributions (1%), and current loan and note repayments (1%). Gross receivables and past-due receivables are listed by agency.

(30 ILCS 210/4(d); issued & rec'd March 2023, 26 pp.)

Illinois Broadband Advisory Council

Annual report, 2022

The Council met 4 times in 2022. As part of the statewide Connect Illinois initiative for broadband expansion, the Council issued Connect Illinois Broadband Grants to 5,000 homes, businesses, farms, and institutions; launched its Accelerate Illinois local planning and broadband capacity building program; collaborated with the University of Illinois to establish the Illinois Broadband Lab; and aided collection and redistribution of 18,000 used computers in 100 counties. The report has statistics on broadband availability in Illinois. (220 ILCS 80/20(e); Jan. 2023, rec'd Feb. 2023, 27 pp. + 4 appendices)

Insurance, Dept. of

Working Group Regarding Treatment and Coverage of Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Illness annual report, 2022

The working group met twice in 2022, hearing from the Departments of Insurance and Healthcare and Family Services on relevant issues. The report lists state agency accomplishments regarding behavioral health. The working group made no legislative recommendations. (215 ILCS 5/370c.1(h)(2); Jan. 2023, rec'd Feb. 2023, 10 pp.)

Juvenile Justice, Dept. of*Annual report, FY 2022*

The Department held an average of 124.4 youth in 5 facilities in FY 2022; 183 others were being monitored in Aftercare at the end of that year. The average stay by youth in Department custody was 5.7 months.

Average ages were 17.2 years while in custody and 18.4 years in Aftercare. Seventy-three received educational degrees (12 8th-grade diplomas, 46 high school diplomas, and 15 GEDs). The report has demographic data on youths in custody or Aftercare, offense class, recidivism rate, facility occupancy. It also describes the Department's challenges and facility programs. (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-61; undated, rec'd Feb. 2023, 27 pp.)

Legislative Audit Commission*Annual report, 2022*

The Commission reviewed 238 financial audits and compliance examinations, parts of 3 statewide single audits, and 2 performance audits in 2022. It reviewed statements for 194 emergency purchases totaling \$345 million; monitored reports of travel control boards created; reviewed awards not made to lowest bidders; and updated audit guidelines for public universities. (25 ILCS 150/3; issued & rec'd Feb. 2023, 26 pp. + 4 appendices)

Public Health, Dept. of*Health and Hazardous Substances Registry annual report, FY 2022*

The registry collects and

analyzes data on selected public health concerns and hazardous exposures. It received \$3.5 million in federal funds and nearly \$30 million from other sources in FY 2022. It responded to 5 general information requests; 24 requests for epidemiologic reports and registry data; 8 special data requests or collaborations with outside researchers; and 6 inquiries about perceived high local cancer rates. It released 5 reports in the Epidemiologic Report Series and 2 written reports for quality control studies of registry data. It also submitted 1 grant proposal, co-authored 1 paper for a peer-reviewed journal, and contributed data for 7 published studies by outside researchers. The report reviews activities and progress toward FY 2022 goals, and lists FY 2023 goals. (410 ILCS 525/8; Jan. 2023, rec'd March 2023, 41 pp.)

State Board of Education*School mandate waiver requests, spring 2023*

The report summarizes 100 waiver requests—82 transmitted to the General Assembly, 14 withdrawn or returned, 2 approved by ISBE, and 2 denied by ISBE. It classifies requests by topic and legislative action, and lists relevant statutes. The most commonly requested waiver topics include: non-resident tuition (48 transmitted, 8 withdrawn or returned); administrative cost limitations (21 transmitted, 3 withdrawn or returned); and physical

education (6 transmitted). (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g; issued & rec'd Feb. 2023, 30 pp.)

State Board of Investment*Emerging money managers annual report, 2022*

On September 30, 2022, some \$9.6 billion (43.2%) of the Board's total investments were with emerging and minority-owned firms, meeting or exceeding the Board's policy goals for each asset class. Use of Illinois-based brokerages is below the 25% target rate in four asset classes, and above it in one. The Board's diversity policy is included. (40 ILCS 5/1-109.1(8); Dec. 2022, rec'd March 2023, 9 pp. + enclosure)

State Fire Marshal*Annual report, 2022*

The report gives information on the Office's activities, including grants and loans to fire departments; arson investigations; boiler and pressure vessel safety; elevator safety; petroleum and chemical safety; personnel standards and education; technical services support; advisory boards and commissions; and the Office's budget. The Office did 44,710 boiler and pressure vessel inspections, 13,563 fire safety inspections, and 1,122 arson investigations. It processed 12,622 elevator operation certifications and oversaw 18,742 registered active petroleum chemical tanks. (50 ILCS 740/13; Feb. 2023, rec'd March 2023, 31 pp.)

State Police, Illinois*Court decisions on FOID card denials, 2022*

Illinois courts made 106 decisions on State Police denials of Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) cards. They upheld 59 (one appeal is pending) and reversed 47. (430 ILCS 65/11; issued & rec'd Feb. 2023, 14 pp.)

Gun Trafficking Information Act compliance report, 2022

The Act requires the ISP to provide data on firearms used in crimes in Illinois. The ISP has not yet identified a data collection tool capable of capturing the detailed data required by the Act, but will continue looking for ways to do so in the next year. The report gives some data for 2022, including firearms seized by ISP (1,087); firearms-related arrests by ISP (597); and FOID and concealed-carry license applications received and actions on them (5 ILCS 830/10-5(a); issued & rec'd Feb. 2023, 6 pp.)

Juvenile charge report, Oct.-Dec. 2022

The State Police received 4,066 charge reports in the fourth quarter, for a 2022 total of

15,135. Charges are listed by disposition code, offense type, gender, race, age at arrest, and county. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355; issued & rec'd Feb. 2023, 2 pp.)

Metropolitan Enforcement Groups annual report, FY 2022

Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEGs) were authorized in 1977 to enforce state drug laws and investigate gang activity. Illinois has 9 MEGs covering 20 counties (including 1 Iowa county). They have 102 staff: 24 State Police officers, 47 local officers, 10 federal officers, and 21 administrative staff. They received \$1.17 million in funding in FY 2022. They opened 1,428 cases, closing 683 by arrest and 469 administratively. MEGs arrested 46 gang members and seized 263 weapons. The report also lists drugs seized and drug arrests by type; weapons seized by type; and gang arrests by gang name. It also includes statistics on each MEG. (30 ILCS 715/6; Dec. 2022, rec'd Feb. 2023, 34 pp. + appendix)

Statewide 911 Advisory Board annual report, 2023

Only one county still lacks E911 services. It has begun the consolidation process, and services will begin in late 2023 or early 2024. AT&T began transitioning Public Safety Answering Points to the statewide Next Generation 911 network, and expects to be finished by the end of 2023. Surcharges to fund 911 systems collected \$192 million. Objectives for 2023 include completing a comprehensive review of the current 911 funding formula, and addressing changes needed in the Emergency Telephone System Act. (50 ILCS 750/19(e); Feb. 2023, rec'd March 2023, 12 pp. + appendix)

Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of
Locally-held benefit funds quarterly report, Oct.-Dec. 2022

For each state veterans' home, the report describes monetary and nonmonetary donations received for residents' benefit; how and when they were disbursed; and fund balances at the end of the quarter. (20 ILCS 2805/2.01a; issued & rec'd Feb. 2023, 16 pp.)

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