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### **Aging, Dept. on**

*Community Care Program annual report, FY 2022*

The program provides services to help older adults stay in their homes. In FY 2022, some 63,600 people received services each month. In that year, 74 adult day services sites served approximately 1,000 people per month; the Emergency Home Response Service was used by 30,600 people each month; and 158 home care agencies served about 55,900 older adults each month. The report also includes information about the Department of Human Services' Home Service Program, which helps people with severe disabilities who are not eligible for the Community Care Program stay in their homes. Services can include a personal assistant, home-delivered meals, assistance equipment, and respite services. (20 ILCS 105/4.02; Sept. 2023, rec'd March 2024, 2 pp.)

### **Aging, Dept. on; Healthcare and Family Services, Human Services, and Public Health, Depts. of**

*Serving minority seniors annual report, FY 2022*

The report describes each agency's programs for minority seniors. The Department on Aging provided services under the federal Older Americans Act to over 406,924 persons aged 60+, with the report categorizes them by program and race. The Department of Human Services served about 614,561 persons aged 60+ under SNAP as well as other cash and medical assistance programs. Minority participation in such programs is listed by type and region. Human Services provided mental health services to 2,841 persons aged 65+, of whom at least 21.5% were minorities. The Department of Public Health funded and oversaw programs (some focused on minority communities) addressing COVID-19, AIDS and HIV, refugee health, suicide, Alzheimer's disease,

tobacco use, and women's health. The report includes hospital and emergency room discharge data and death statistics. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services had no data available at the time of the report's filing. (20 ILCS 105/4.06; Sept. 2023, rec'd March 2024, 35 pp.)

### **Central Management Services, Dept. of**

*Front-line bilingual employees annual report, 2024*

CMS had 5 bilingual employees who spoke Spanish as of March 2024. Four were in Human Resources, and one was a Public Service Administrator. The report includes job titles and descriptions. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; issued & rec'd March 2024, 4 pp. + 4 appendices)

### **Commerce Commission**

*Accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials on railroads in Illinois, 2023*

The Commission checked 9,004 railroad cars carrying

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hazardous materials in 2023. Inspectors found violations in 0.8% of inspections. Among 63 railway incidents involving hazardous materials, 2 derailments released hazardous materials and 30 did not; 31 releases occurred without derailment. For each incident, tables show location, railroad, material, suspected causes, amounts involved and released, and dates. (625 ILCS 5/18c-1204(3); issued and rec'd March 2024, 11 pp. + 7 attachments)

*Crossing Safety Improvement Program, FYs 2025-2029*

Preliminary data showed 90 collisions at public highway-railroad crossings in 2023, compared to 123 in 2022. For FY 2025, ICC anticipates it will consider projects requiring nearly \$160.6 million from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) and will set aside \$10 million from that fund for emergency projects. The report also lists \$244.4 million in proposed safety crossing improvements for FYs 2026-2029, also funded by the GCPF. Projects are listed by county. (35 ILCS 505/8(c); issued & rec'd March 2024, 11 pp. + 5 appendices)

*Thermal Energy Network report, 2024*

The Commission held six workshops to discuss the state's thermal energy networks. Topics included an overview of the technology, rate structures, efficiency, emissions reductions, and affordability. The

Commission listed four options available to policymakers: (1) gather more information before making legislative or regulatory changes; (2) incentivize deployment of thermal energy networks by non-utility providers through tax breaks or grants; (3) impose consumer protections on thermal energy providers; and/or (4) permit current regulated utilities to provide thermal energy networks. The report also describes thermal energy technologies and regulatory structures of other states. (220 ILCS 5/4-610(c); issued & rec'd Feb. 2024, 74 pp.)

**Commerce & Economic Opportunity, Dept. of**

*Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) Tax Credit Program biennial evaluation report, 2023*

The EDGE program gives tax credits to eligible firms to expand or retain jobs. DCEO is to biennially evaluate the program's effectiveness in creating jobs and its revenue impact. In calendar year 2022, companies receiving EDGE tax credits reported creating 35,273 jobs and retaining 21,242. The reported payroll for those employees was \$6.1 billion. Since 2001 the total value of EDGE tax credit certificates issued by DCEO has grown over \$2.7 billion. The report also summarizes business incentive tax credits in states with which Illinois often competes for relocating businesses. (35 ILCS 10/5-75; undated, rec'd March 2024, 18 pp.)

*Enterprise Zone Loan Fund, FY 2023*

DECO reports that it never received an appropriation for the Enterprise Zone Loan Fund and the Fund does not exist in the State Comptroller's Office. Thus, it has no fund operations to report. (20 ILCS 655/12-9; Dec. 2023, rec'd March 2024, 1 p.)

*Illinois Film Office quarterly report, Jan.-March 2023*

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 87 management, 389 production office, 87 entry-level, 78 talent, and 21 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2019.) Of the 548 crew members hired, 31% were minorities and 21% were white women. Reported production spending was almost \$18.2 million (\$5.1 million commercial and \$13.1 million TV). The Office encourages education opportunities for minorities to be trained for film and television work. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd March 2024, 2 pp.)

*Illinois Film Office quarterly report, April-June 2023*

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 870 management, 4,512 production office, 959 entry-level, 877 talent, and 7,203 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2018.) Of the 5,317 crew members hired, 29% were minorities and 18% were white women.

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Reported production spending was \$234.8 million (\$19.6 million commercial; \$209.5 million TV; and \$5.7 million film). The Office encourages education opportunities for minorities to be trained for film and television work. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd March 2024, 2 pp.)

*Illinois Film Office quarterly report, July-Sept. 2023*

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 297 management, 1,161 production office, 282 entry-level, 229 talent, and 534 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2021.) Of the 1,776 crew members hired, 35% were minorities and 19% were white women. Reported production spending was \$25.5 million (\$13.5 million commercial; \$10.2 million TV; and \$1.8 million film). The Office encourages education opportunities for minorities to be trained for film and television work. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd March 2024, 2 pp.)

*Live Theater Tax Credit report, Jan.-March 2023*

There was no reported live theater production spending or job hires during the quarter. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(b); undated, rec'd March 2024, 1 p.)

*Live Theater Tax Credit report, April-June 2023*

Hires during the quarter included 3,241 crew, 1,774 production, 1,110 entry-level,

and 357 management. Theater production spending totaled \$21.3 million, including \$11.4 million for commercial Broadway touring productions and \$9.9 million for long-run productions. Of the 3,241 crew members hired, 26% were minorities and 19% were white women. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(b); undated, rec'd March 2024, 1 p.)

*Live Theater Tax Credit report, July-Sept. 2023*

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*Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission report, Nov. 2023*

The report describes actions under the Restore Illinois Plan for responding to COVID-19, including support to businesses, residents, and local governments. Since \$156 million in additional Back to Business grants were announced in October, some \$37.9 million has gone to 996 restaurants, \$47.7 million to 2,235 arts businesses, and \$70.4 million to 720 hotels. As of the end of October, 20,189 apprentices were enrolled in 422 registered apprenticeship programs in Illinois. DCEO is using \$50 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act for workforce development grants. The Asylum Seekers Emergency Rental Assistance program has distributed

some \$20 million in one-time grants to applicants for up to six months of rental assistance. Three rounds of emergency mortgage assistance through the Illinois Housing Development Authority have provided \$379.8 million to help 25,850 homeowners. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045.1(c); Nov. 2023, rec'd March 2024, 7 pp.)

*Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission report, Dec. 2023*

The report describes actions under the Restore Illinois Plan for responding to COVID-19, including support to businesses, residents, and local governments. A new \$25 million NewBiz Grant Program will support small businesses that launched during the pandemic. On November 30, DCEO released \$13 million for a second round of funding under the Job Training and Economic Development Program. Some \$21.2 million has been disbursed under the Asylum Seekers Emergency Rental Assistance program; another \$42.5 million has funded applications through the Court-Based Rental Assistance Program for litigants in eviction court. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program took 143,000 applications from the beginning of its program year on October 2 to the end of November, and issued some \$90 million in energy assistance. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045.1(c); Dec. 2023, rec'd March 2024, 6 pp.)

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**Community College Board***Adult Education and Literacy annual report, FY 2023*

Adult education programs served 56,454 students total: with 37,646 English as a Second Language students, 10,891 Adult Basic Education, 5,653 Adult Secondary Education, 1,637 earning high school credit, and 627 vocational students. Enrollment rose 33% from FY 2022, partly due to a sharp increase in immigrant arrivals. Adult education providers were community colleges (38); community-based organizations (17); local education agencies (8); faith-based organizations (3); correction and reentry-focused programs (3); 4-year institutions (1); and the Department of Corrections (1), totaling 71. (105 ILCS 405/2-4; undated, rec'd March 2024, 11 pp.)

**Comptroller, Office of the Receivables report, 2023**

Gross receivables due to the state at the end of calendar year 2023 were \$18.603 billion—up \$1.586 billion from \$17.017 billion the preceding year. Net receivables (believed to be collectible) were \$5.438 billion. Child support claims are the largest group of receivables available for collection (24%), followed by “other” (licenses, fees, federal reimbursements, etc.) (23%), public assistance recoveries (22%), taxes (14%), university activities (10%), interest and investment income (3%), charges for sales and

services (2%), 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 2024, 26 pp.)

**Executive Inspector General Bilingual employees, 2021**

The Executive Inspector General's office had 11 employees that spoke 2 or more languages in 2021. Eight spoke Spanish; other languages spoken were German, French, Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian. The report includes job titles and duties for each employee. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; March 2021, rec'd March 2024, 3 pp.)

**Housing Development Authority***Report of Activities for FY 2023 and Projected Activities for FY 2024*

The Authority received 231 applications for \$739 million in state and federal funds in FY 2023. It also received 18,084 applications for emergency assistance under the Illinois Rental Payment Program, Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund, Court Based Rental Assistance Program, and the Asylum Seekers Emergency Rental Assistance Program; all completed and eligible applications were approved and funded. The report describes each type of financing available and amounts awarded by type; exhibits list each applicant and recipient. The report gives the Authority's projections for each

type of financing in FY 2024. (20 ILCS 3805/5; issued & rec'd March 2024, 28 pp. + 26 exhibits)

**Public Health, Dept. of Lyme Disease Prevention and Protection Act status report, 2023**

Since the enactment of the Lyme Disease Prevention and Protection Act in 2019, IDPH has developed an Active Tick Surveillance Program; worked to obtain necessary program funding; added 10-year tickborne disease incidence maps to its website; created an interactive tick mapping application; started reporting tick collection, identification, and pathogen testing data on its website and to the CDC; and partnered with the University of Illinois to provide educational outreach opportunities to local health departments. In fiscal year 2024, IDPH introduced a new grant program for local health departments that want to conduct active tick surveillance and provide tickborne disease prevention awareness and 78 grants have been awarded so far. The report also contains data, maps, and educational materials. (410 ILCS 450/10(c); issued & rec'd Feb. 2024, 15 pp. + 4 attachments)

*State Board of Health annual report, 2024*

The State Board of Health worked with the Department of Public Health to provide oversight, comments, and suggested revisions to public

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health statutes and regulations; received updates on current public health issues from Department staff and other experts; and created three committees to advise the Department on climate change, health equity, and how to communicate strategies for illness prevention and response statewide. The Board also presented the State Health Improvement Plan and State Health Assessment through three online presentations. (20 ILCS 5/5-565(a)(8); Jan. 2024, rec'd March 2024, 4 pp.)

### **State Board of Education**

#### *Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2024*

Under the Act, a number of state agencies are required to report demographic data for each of their major programs. ISBE identified 11 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 continue collecting data in the upcoming year. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(f); issued & rec'd March 2024, 2 pp.)

#### *Invest in Kids Act evaluation final report, 2024*

The evaluation was completed by WestEd, an independent

research organization. The Act offered income tax credits to taxpayers who made contributions to organizations that granted scholarships for eligible Illinois students to attend qualified private schools. The program ended in 2023. In the 2022-23 school year, there were 5,293 contributions, almost \$76 million contributed, and 9,656 scholarships awarded. In 2022 and 2023, Illinois public schools had a higher percentage of grades 3-8 students meeting or exceeding expectations in language arts and math than scholarship recipients (35.4% to 22.5% respectively in language arts in 2023, and 27.1% to 16.3% respectively in math that year). Among students who took the SAT in the 2022-23 school year, Illinois public school students performed slightly lower than scholarship students in language arts, and slightly higher in math. Interviews at schools of scholarship recipients showed high satisfaction with the program. (35 ILCS 40/45(c); Feb. 2024, rec'd March 2024, 71 pp.)

#### *School mandate waiver requests, spring 2024*

The report summarizes 46 waiver requests—8 approved by ISBE, 32 transmitted to the General Assembly, and 6 withdrawn or returned. Requests are classified by topic and legislative action, and relevant statutes are listed. The most common waiver topics include: administrative cost

limitation (20 transmitted, 3 withdrawn or returned); school improvement (8 approved); driver education (3 transmitted, 1 withdrawn or returned); and nonresident tuition (3 transmitted, 1 withdrawn or returned). (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g; issued & rec'd Feb. 2024, 31 pp.)

### **State Fire Marshal**

#### *Annual report, 2023*

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 1,134 arson investigations; 46,343 boiler and pressure vessel inspections; and 13,418 fire safety inspections. It also processed 11,626 elevator operation certifications and registered 18,731 active petroleum chemical tanks. (50 ILCS 740/13; issued & rec'd Feb. 2024, 31 pp.)

### **State Police, Illinois**

#### *Consensual eavesdropping report, 2023*

State's attorneys in 75 counties filed eavesdropping reports with ISP while 50 of them reported no eavesdropping. The other 27 did not report. Counties reported 198 consensual eavesdropping applications to judges (196 original and 2 extensions). Crimes investigated were reported as 71% drugs, 14% sex-

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related, 3% murder-related, 1% theft-related, and 5% other; 6% were not reported. Eavesdropping brought 74 arrests with 23 convictions; 62 arrests and 31 trials were pending. (725 ILCS 5/108A-11(c); issued & rec'd March 2024, 10 pp.)

*Court decisions on FOID card denials, 2023*

Illinois courts made 2 decisions on State Police denials of Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) cards. They upheld both denials. (430 ILCS 65/11; issued & rec'd March 2024, 2 pp.)

*Statewide 911 Advisory Board annual report, 2024*

Only one county still lacks E911 services. It is in the process of consolidation, and services will begin in 2024. AT&T has transitioned 65 Public Safety Answering Points to the statewide Next Generation 911 network and remaining transitions are expected to be finished by the middle of 2024. The Board has \$7.5 million available for consolidation grants, and \$12 million for grants associated with Next Generation 911 expenses. Surcharges to fund

911 systems collected \$251 million in FY 2024. Objectives for 2024 include reviewing the current 911 funding formula, and assessing the impacts of previous consolidation efforts. (50 ILCS 750/19(e); issued & rec'd March 2024, 14 pp.)

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