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Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of Angel Investment Tax Credit Program, 2023

The Program's purpose is to attract and encourage investments in early-stage, innovative companies in Illinois. Applicants got \$2.73 million in tax credits in 2023. There were 65 businesses registered as qualified new ventures, with 90 registered investors in 2023. (35 ILCS 5/220(h); March 2024, rec'd May 2024, 23 pp.)

Apprenticeship Education Expense Tax Credit Program annual report, 2022

Under the Program, companies incurring educational expenses for qualified apprentices can apply for income tax credits. In calendar year 2022, 4 applications were received and approved. Recipients spent \$324,386 on educational expenses for 68 apprentices and received \$212,557 in tax credits. The Department continues to advertise the program through presentations, webinars, and other business outreach. (35 ILCS 5/231(h); undated, rec'd May 2024, 3 pp.)

Artificial Intelligence Video Interview Act annual report, 2022

If an employer relies solely on artificial intelligence analysis of a video interview to select applicants for in-person interviews, the employer must report demographic data on those applicants to DCEO. DCEO received no reports in the 12 months through November 2022. (820 ILCS 42/20(c); June 2023, rec'd May 2024, 1 p.)

Bilingual employees report, 2024

DCEO has 9 frontline bilingual employees; 8 speak Spanish and 1 speaks Chinese. The report includes the employees' names, job titles, and job descriptions. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; Feb. 2024, rec'd May 2024, 3 pp.)

Data Center Investment Program annual report, 2022

The Program aims to attract large-scale data centers through sales and use tax exemptions, and tax credits for projects in underserved areas. By year-end 2023, the Department had entered memorandums of understanding with, and issued sales and use tax exemption

certificates to, 15 data center operators. The data centers reported investing \$5.4 billion and creating 299 jobs. They estimated the value of their sales tax exemptions at \$94.7 million. The report also summarizes similar incentive programs in other states. (20 ILCS 605/605-1025(e); undated, rec'd May 2024, 12 pp.)

Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) Tax Credit Program annual report, 2022

The EDGE Program gives tax credits to eligible firms to expand or retain jobs. Eligibility is based on capital investment and new or retained jobs. In 2022, 25 projects were approved and executed, projecting tax credits of \$41.9 million and the creation of 200 jobs. The report profiles projects approved in 2022; describes the 27 amendments to previously approved projects; reports on vendor diversity and sexual harassment policies; shows 2022 wages paid to new and retained employees; and describes similar incentives in other states. (35 ILCS 10/5-70; undated, rec'd May 2024, 26 pp.)

Illinois Works apprenticeship and preapprenticeship program evaluations, 2023

The Illinois Works Jobs Program Act (2019) set a statutory goal for apprentices to perform 10% of hours worked on large public works projects. As of June 30, 2023, 655 projects costing \$10.5 billion have been subject to that goal. The Act also established funding for preapprenticeship training. DCEO issued Preapprenticeship Program grants to 11 new organizations (29 programs in total), and had enrolled 858 participants halfway through 2023. DCEO received approval for an additional \$25 million for the Preapprenticeship Program in FY 2024. The Illinois Works Review Panel recommended that DCEO continue to urge federally registered apprenticeship programs to accept graduates of the Preapprenticeship Program, and that DCEO work with its grantees to improve delivery of support services, such as transportation and child care, to Program participants. (30 ILCS 559/20-25(e); Aug. 2023, rec'd May 2024, 5 pp.)

Live Theater Tax Credit annual report, FY 2023

Three minority- and/or women-owned vendors provided goods or services to accredited theater productions in FY 2023. The report lists their names and their owners' ethnicity and gender. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(c); undated, rec'd May 2024, 1 p.)

Live Theater Tax Credit report, Oct.-Dec. 2023

No live theater production spending or job hires were

reported in the quarter. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(b); undated, rec'd May 2024, 1 p.)

Manufacturing Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity (MICRO) Act annual report, 2022

The Act offers tax exemptions and credits to manufacturers of semiconductors, microchips, and their parts. DCEO is meeting with companies to promote the incentives. The report also summarizes similar tax incentive programs in other states. (35 ILCS 45/110-75; undated, rec'd May 2024, 5 pp.)

Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois Act annual report, 2022

The Act offers tax exemptions and credits to manufacturers of vehicles powered by renewable energy and their parts, and to battery recycling and reuse manufacturers. The Department received 20 program inquiries and executed one agreement in 2022. The agreement is expected to create 50 new jobs and result in a \$20 million investment. The estimated cost of the tax credit is \$2.1 million. (20 ILCS 686/75; undated, rec'd May 2024, 7 pp.)

Human Services, Dept. of
Child Care Assistance Program report, FY 2023

The Program spent \$1.27 billion; served 199,724 children in 117,805 families; and paid 25,572 providers in FY 2023. Day-care centers participating in the Circles of Quality rating system enrolled 21,532 children. Among the 633 Circles of Quality day-care centers, 55 were rated as bronze, 299 as silver, and 279 as gold. (20 ILCS 505/5.15(a); issued & rec'd May 2024, 17 pp.)

Customized Employment for Individuals with Disabilities Act annual report, 2023

Under the Act, DHS is to establish a 5-year pilot program to help persons with disabilities find employment suited to their interests and abilities. In its fourth year, the pilot program had 14 customized employment contracts (up from 13 in year three) serving 78 customers (up from 52 in year three). The report says DHS will evaluate the pilot program after it ends to determine whether to recommend making it permanent. (820 ILCS 97/30; issued & rec'd May 2024, 5 pp.)

Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force annual report, 2023

The Task Force met four times in the reporting year. It supports the work of the Department's Division of Rehabilitation Services, which hosted a career fair for persons with disabilities and maintains a website to help them get health care, employment, and other benefits. The Task Force made several recommendations, including supporting efforts to implement Dignity in Pay laws and urging the Division of Rehabilitation Services to establish a written process for application to be a vendor. (20 ILCS 4095/20; issued & rec'd May 2024, 16 pp.)

Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force annual report, 2024

Due to restructuring within the Task Force and the Department, the Task Force had only one

formal meeting in the reporting period, but small workgroups met more often. The report describes the activities of the workgroups and the Task Force's recommendations, including regulatory changes, more data collection, and budget initiatives. (20 ILCS 4095/20; issued & rec'd May 2024, 14 pp.)

Illinois Salary and Staffing Survey of Licensed Child Care Facilities, FY 2023

The report gives results of a biennial survey of the licensed child care workforce, including numbers of staff, qualifications of caregivers, and average earnings and benefits for caregivers. In FY 2023, 8,495 licensed child care programs were surveyed: 2,754 child care centers and 5,741 home day-care centers. About 20% responded. The median hourly pay of full-time employees was \$21.50 for administrative directors; \$16.50 for early childhood teachers; and \$15.40 for assistant teachers. Turnover rates of early childhood teachers and assistant teachers rose from 2021 to 2023. The report also gives demographics of staff and children, and reasons why employees stay or leave. (20 ILCS 505/5.15(a); issued & rec'd May 2024, 109 pp. + 3 appendices)

Reimagine Public Safety Act year-end report, 2023

The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, established by the Act in 2021, and the Firearm

Violence Research Group listed 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 2024, 37 pp. + 3 appendices)

Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Act Task Force report, 2024

The Task Force was created to study implementation of universal representation for immigrants in removal hearings. It found that over 120,000 immigration cases are pending in the Chicago immigration court, and the average cost of legal representation is estimated at \$10,685 per case. It recommended supporting and increasing the capacity of current legal aid nonprofits; experimenting with new service models; and funding training for legal professionals working with immigrants. (20 ILCS 4112/15(g); issued & rec'd May 2024, 28 pp.)

Insurance, Dept. of
Disability insurance policies, 2024

The Department surveyed insurance companies to

collect the required data; 75 companies submitted usable data. Responses reported 982,687 disability insurance plans in the state; about half are group long-term plans. Some 69% of the plans limit mental health and substance use disorder benefits. The average annual premium was \$3,711. The report also gives data on benefit periods; how many plans are bought voluntarily versus being required; and how many policies have employer contributions. (215 ILCS 5/370c.1(j-5); April 2024, rec'd May 2024, 10 pp. + 2 appendices)

Public Health, Dept. of
Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2024

Under the Act, agencies must report demographic information on participants in each of their major programs. IDPH identified nine major programs for analysis. Since the 2023 report, IDPH has determined that race, ethnicity, age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and primary or preferred language have been defined and standardized for the nine programs. The report describes what IDPH is doing to collect data for each program. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(e); March 2024, rec'd May 2024, 5 pp.)

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