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COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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

#### *Respite services report, FY 2022*

The Department receives federal funds to provide respite care through Title III-B and Title III-E of the (federal) Older Americans Act (OAA). State funds have not been appropriated. The state is divided into 13 Planning and Service Areas (PSAs)—each with one Area Agency on Aging, which plan, coordinate, and advocate for a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for the elderly and caregivers within the PSA. The Department projected 2,000 caregivers received over 96,000 hours of respite services in FY 2022. The report also gives demographics of caregivers. (320 ILCS 10/12; Feb. 2022, rec'd Sept. 2023, 14 pp.)

#### *Respite services report, FY 2023*

The Department receives federal funds to provide respite care through Title III-B and Title III-E of the (federal) Older Americans Act (OAA). The state appropriated funding for respite care beginning in FY 2023. The state is divided into 13 Planning and Service Areas (PSAs)—each with one Area Agency on Aging, which plan, coordinate, and advocate for a comprehensive and coordinated system of services

for the elderly and caregivers within the PSA. The Department projected 3,100 caregivers received over 150,000 hours of respite services in FY 2023. The report also gives demographics of caregivers. (320 ILCS 10/12; July 2023, rec'd Sept. 2023, 19 pp.)

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

#### *Disabled Hiring Initiative report, FY 2023*

As of June 30, 2023, there were some 773 participants in the Successful Disability Opportunities (SDO) Program eligible for vacant state positions. SDO hires rose from 38 in FY 2022 to 42 in FY 2023. Employees with disabilities account for about 10.4% of the state workforce. CMS continues to promote and encourage hiring of persons with disabilities, including veterans with service-connected disabilities. The report contains updates on 8 strategic initiatives from the preceding year and 9 for the coming year. (20 ILCS 405/405-122; issued & rec'd Sept. 2023, 14 pp.)

### **Commerce Commission**

#### *e-Docket privacy control, 2023*

The Commission reported no known breaches of personal

information security through the electronic docket filing system (e-Docket) since the October 2013 report. Efforts to cleanse the e-Docket system of personal information and establish corrective measures and controls were successful. (815 ILCS 530/25; issued & rec'd Sept. 2023, 1 p.)

### **Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of**

#### *Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission report, June 2023*

The report describes actions under the Restore Illinois plan for responding to COVID-19, including support to businesses, residents, and local governments. The application period for an additional \$175 million in Back to Business grants is closed, and funds were expected to be disbursed in July. Payments for a sixth round of Child Care Restoration Grants has begun. The state has awarded some \$10 million in grants to apprenticeship programs since 2019, and more than 60 new apprenticeship programs have registered since then. The Illinois Housing Development Authority has completed three rounds of emergency mortgage assistance that provided \$263 million to

help 20,938 homeowners; it is still accepting applications through the Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund program. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045.1(c); June 2023, rec'd Oct. 2023, 7 pp.)

### **Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes**

*Annual report, 2022*

The Commission met 5 times in 2022 and issued 7 recommendations for state agencies and the General Assembly. They include establishing a help line for victims of hate crimes; giving grants to fund victim support services; requiring training for local law enforcement officers on how to respond to hate crimes; and establishing a statewide data collection and analysis hub for hate crime incidents. (20 ILCS 4070/20; June 2024, rec'd Sept. 2023, 22 pp.)

### **Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability**

*Budget summary, FY 2024*

Total FY 2024 appropriations were over \$193.5 billion, which is \$4.3 billion (2.3%) higher than FY 2023. Appropriations for Special State Funds, General Funds, and Highway Funds were up almost \$10.9 billion, but were offset by decreases in Federal Trust Funds (-\$4.1 billion), Bond Financed Funds (-\$1.4 billion), and Debt Service Funds (-\$1.1 billion). The report also describes SERS members by agency; State Employees Group Insurance; Medicaid; education funding; pension laws; state-funded retirement systems; state debt and credit ratings; and special fund transfers. (25 ILCS 155/3(12); July 2023, rec'd Oct. 2023, 154 pp. + 4 appendices)

### **Human Services, Dept. of**

*Community Emergency Services and Support Act (CESSA)*

*quarterly report, July-Sept. 2023*

The Act requires emergency response operators to refer calls seeking mental and behavioral health support to a new service that can dispatch mental health professionals in lieu of police. The Statewide Advisory Committee and 11 Regional Advisory Committees created by the Act are developing guidance, training, and performance measures for dispatchers and mobile crisis response teams, and meeting with stakeholders to address concerns. The report lists accomplishments and pending tasks, and discusses challenges and how to address them. (50 ILCS 754/70; Sept. 2023, rec'd Oct. 2023, 18 pp.)

### **Insurance, Dept. of**

*Public pension report, 2023 (2021-22 data)*

The report summarizes the financial conditions of Illinois public pensions systems, including each system under the Illinois Pension Code. The sum of their accrued actuarial liabilities grew from \$423.2 billion in 2021 to \$431.7 billion in 2022. Unfunded liabilities decreased, making overall funded status increase from 50.80% to 52.05%. The report also describes the activities of the Public Pension Division. (40 ILCS 5/1A-108; Sept. 2023, rec'd Oct. 2023, 30 pp. + appendix)

### **Legislative Inspector General**

*Quarterly report, Jan.-March 2023*

Since the last report, 8 allegations were received; another 5 allegations were referred to another investigatory body. Two investigations were opened, 4 were concluded, and 2 were pending. No action was pending before the

Legislative Ethics Commission as of the report date, and no complaints were forwarded to the Attorney General. (5 ILCS 430/25-85; April 2023, rec'd Aug. 2023, 3 pp.)

*Quarterly report, April-June 2023*

Since the last report, 10 allegations were received. No investigations were opened, 1 was concluded, and 1 was pending. No action was pending before the Legislative Ethics Commission as of the report date, and no complaints were forwarded to the Attorney General. (5 ILCS 430/25-85; July 2023, rec'd Aug. 2023, 3 pp.)

### **Public Health, Dept. of**

*Annual medical cannabis report, FY 2023*

The Department approved applications for about 237,440 patients qualifying for medical cannabis since September 2014, and had 138,471 active patients as of June 30, 2023. In FY 2023, there were 21 licensed operating cultivation centers and 55 licensed medical cannabis dispensaries in Illinois. The report also includes data on the Opioid Alternative Patient Program, begun in January 2019, which allows access to medical cannabis for patients who could be prescribed opioids. In FY 2023, there were 1,564 patients registered. Demographic data is given for each program. (410 ILCS 130/160(a); undated, rec'd Oct. 2023, 17 pp.)

*Used Tire Fund status report, Jan. 2023*

A 1989 law established the Used Tire Management Fund to help regulate the disposal of used tires, which are used as a breeding site for the Asian tiger mosquito. IDPH receives money from the Fund, along with other agencies.

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The money helps fund IDPH's Vector Control Program, which trains local health departments in surveillance and control of mosquitoes and other vectors of disease, and tests such animals for West Nile virus and St. Louis Encephalitis. Some 134 dead birds and 23,117 mosquito samples were tested in 2020; 172 dead birds and 19,685 mosquito samples were tested in 2021. (415 ILCS 5/55.6(d); Jan. 2023, rec'd Sept. 2023, 6 pp. + 3 appendices)

**State Police, Illinois**

*Expungement Backlog  
Accountability Law annual report,  
FY 2023*

The law requires ISP to report several statistics on petitions to seal or expunge an individual's criminal history. The report contains that information. In FY 2023, ISP received 6,188 petitions to expunge (it objected to 1) and 1,063 petitions to seal (no objections). It received 17,948 orders to expunge (16,928 were entered by ISP) and 8,386 orders to seal (8,135 entered). Some 1,271 orders to expunge or seal were not entered

as of June 30 of the previous fiscal year. ISP received \$521,490 in fees under the law. (20 ILCS 2630/14(a); issued & rec'd Aug. 2023, 2 pp.)

*FOID Card Review Board  
monthly report, Aug. 2023*

The Board hears petitions from persons whose FOID card applications were denied or whose cards are revoked. In August, 41 cases were presented to the Board. It granted relief in 24 cases, and denied relief in 4 cases. Thirteen cases were continued. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); issued & rec'd Sept. 2023, 1 pp.)

*FOID Card Review Board  
monthly report, Sept. 2023*

The Board hears petitions from persons whose FOID card applications are denied or whose cards are revoked. In September, 54 cases were presented to the Board. It granted relief in 36 cases, and denied relief in 5 cases. Thirteen cases were continued. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); Sept. 2023, rec'd Oct. 2023, 1 pp.)

*Juvenile charge report, Jan.-  
March 2023*

The State Police received 4,440 charge reports in the first quarter. Charges are listed by county. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355; issued & rec'd Aug. 2023, 2 pp.)

*Juvenile charge report, April-June  
2023*

The State Police received 4,921 charge reports in the second quarter, for a 2023 total of 9,361. Charges are listed by county. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355; issued & rec'd Aug. 2023, 2 pp.)

**Transportation, Dept. of**  
*Chief Procurement Office joint  
purchases report, FY 2023*

IDOT Highway Construction did not procure any contracts through joint purchase in FY 2023. (30 ILCS 525/2(a-10); issued & rec'd Oct. 2023, 1 p.)

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