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Aging, Dept. on

Adult Protective Services annual report, FY 2019

The Adult Protective Services program received 21,348 reports of abuse—up 4,263 (25%) from FY 2018. The large increase is attributed to the new acceptance of self-neglect reports; nearly 5,000 were received in FY 2019. Some 40% of abuse reports alleged financial exploitation, although a victim may experience more than one type of abuse. Among alleged victims, 18% had a disability; 65% were 60 to 85; and 17% were 86 or older. The Department continued B*SAFE (training bank employees to spot financial exploitation of disabled and older persons), and conducted its annual conference. (320 ILCS 20/11; undated, rec'd Nov. 2020, 28 pp.)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

Recycling and recycled paper procurement update, FY 2020

Paper recycling vendors recycled 2.3 million pounds of paper in FY 2020 as part of the I-Cycle program. Some 72.5% of paper products CMS bought for state agencies came from recycled products. In addition, 11,792 pounds of material were recovered from lamp and battery recycling. The report also lists other achievements. (415 ILCS 20/3(j); undated, rec'd Oct. 2020, 5 pp.)

Commerce Commission

Natural gas markets development, 2020 (2019 data)

ICC certified 55 alternative gas suppliers (AGS); some 83 AGS actively served customers in 2019. (The difference between those certified and those serving is because large volume transportation (LVT) suppliers need not be certified). Illinois has four utility service territories, served by Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas, North Shore

Gas, and Ameren Illinois; all but Ameren have small volume transportation (SVT) programs that allow residential and small commercial customers to pick suppliers. The report describes current market competitiveness, and use of AGS in LVT and SVT markets; it makes no recommendations. (220 ILCS 5/19-130; issued & rec'd Oct. 2020, 22 pp.)

Nuclear decommissioning funding assurance status reports

Public Act 101-44 (2019) required nuclear power plants to give the ICC copies of the nuclear decommissioning funding assurance status reports that they submit to the federal government, and the ICC to give the General Assembly copies of those reports for “shutdown units.” This report contains two such status reports: (1) Exelon Generation Company regarding Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 1, which Exelon says has been shut down since 1978,

and (2) Zion Solutions, LLC regarding Zion Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2, which Zion says have been shut down since 1998. (220 ILCS 5/8-508.1(g); June 2020, rec'd Oct. 2020, 2 pp. + 2 exhibits)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning in Illinois

The Apprenticeship Study Act (P.A. 101-364 (2019)) required the Department to report on opportunities to expand apprenticeship and work-based learning in the state. Key recommendations include expanding use of apprenticeship navigators; using pre-apprenticeships to prepare females and non-whites for full apprenticeships; centralizing apprenticeship administration in the state; and helping people laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic to train for new jobs. The report includes apprenticeship statistics and descriptions of programs; labor force trends in industries where apprentices could be used; and the impact of COVID-19 on apprenticeships. (820 ILCS 84/10(c); June 2020, rec'd Oct. 2020, 69 pp. + 3 app.)

Illinois Film Office quarterly report, July-Sept. 2020

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 2,306 technical crew, 202 production office, 395 talent, and 1,472 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2017.) Of 2,383

crew members hired, 29% were minorities and 23% were white women. Reported production spending was almost \$36.7 million (almost \$13 million commercial; \$23.6 million TV; and \$0.7 million film). The Office is unable to track vendor jobs. It encourages educational opportunities for minorities to be trained for film and television work. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd Nov. 2020, 2 pp.)

Live Theater Tax Credit report, July-Sept. 2020

The report lists no live theater spending, production, or jobs brought to Illinois during the quarter. No hiring diversity assessment can be made since no credits were issued. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(b); undated, rec'd Nov. 2020, 1 p.)

Restore Illinois report, Oct. 2020

DCEO is required to report monthly to the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission on current and proposed economic revitalization efforts in response to COVID-19. The report describes programs for businesses; support for residents and families; job training and placement programs; and technical assistance and outreach programs. DCEO's answers to questions posed by the Commission in September are included. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045(c); issued & rec'd Oct. 2020, 8 pp. + 2 appendices)

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

Wagering in Illinois, 2020 Update

State tax revenues from wagering were \$1.215 billion, down 13.4% from FY 2019; the decline was primarily due to COVID-19 restrictions that temporarily suspended casinos and video gaming. Total gaming revenues were 52.5% lottery, 31.0% video gaming, 16.1% casinos, and 0.5% horse racing. Lottery transfers to the Common School Fund declined 13.8% from FY 2019. Total lottery sales fell 5.8%, mainly due to the pandemic. Video gaming brought \$342 million in tax revenues for the Capital Projects Fund and \$61 million for local governments. Video gaming terminals rose from 32,033 in 2019 to 36,145, with the largest number (6,613) in Cook County. Gaming-related revenues from riverboat casinos have fallen consistently since FY 2012. But the sum of riverboat plus video gaming revenues rose to \$2.94 billion in FY 2019 before falling to \$2.165 billion in 2020 due to the pandemic. Horse racing revenues continued to decline; 2019 levels were 49.6% below those two decades ago. The pandemic has slowed implementation of sports wagering. (S. Res. 875 (1991); Sept. 2020, 99 pp.)

Illinois State Police

Governor's Task Force on Forensic Science report

The Task Force was created

to analyze challenges facing Illinois' publicly funded crime laboratories and suggest ways to overcome them. The report includes a detailed discussion of DNA backlog trends, and efforts the State Police have made to reduce the backlog. The Task Force's recommendations included creating a permanent, statutory forensic science commission to oversee crime laboratory policies and a forensic science institute to oversee training. (Exec. Ord. 2019-13 (2019); June 2020, rec'd Nov. 2020, 31 pp. + 2 appendices)

Juvenile Justice, Dept. of

Quarterly report, Oct. 2019

On September 30, 2019 there were 269 youth in all juvenile facilities, below capacity of 915. An additional 559 youth were on Aftercare. Enrollment in the general education program was 210—including 82 in special education and 35 in vocational programs. The ratio of youth to security staff was 2.3 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 2.6 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and 5.0 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-61(b); Oct. 2019, rec'd Oct. 2020, 7 pp.)

Quarterly report, Jan. 2020

On December 31, 2019 there were 225 youth in all juvenile facilities, below capacity of 915; 551 other youth were on Aftercare. General education program enrollment was 171, including 71 in special education and 29 in vocational programs. The ratio of youth to security staff was 2.2 from 6

a.m. to 2 p.m.; 2.6 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and 4.6 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The report also includes youth demographic data. (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-61(b); Jan. 2020, rec'd Oct. 2020, 7 pp.)

Quarterly report, April 2020

On March 31, 2020 there were 164 youth in all juvenile facilities, below capacity of 915; 573 youth were on Aftercare. General education program enrollment was 136, including 65 in special education and 17 in vocational programs. The ratio of youth to security staff was 2.1 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 2.5 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and 4.4 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The report also includes youth demographic data. (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-61(b); April 2020, rec'd Oct. 2020, 7 pp.)

Public Health, Dept. of

Used Tire Fund status report, Jan. 2020

A 1989 law established the Used Tire Management Fund to help regulate the disposal of used tires, which Asian tiger mosquitoes use as breeding sites. IDPH along with other agencies receives money from the Fund. The money helps fund IDPH's Vector Control Program, which trains local health departments in surveillance and control of mosquitoes and other disease vectors, and tests animals for viruses that could infect humans. Some 270 dead birds and 20,045 mosquito samples

were tested in 2018, and 167 dead birds and 20,702 mosquito samples were tested in 2019. (415 ILCS 5/55.6(d); Jan. 2020, rec'd Oct. 2020, 6 pp. + 3 appendices)

State Board of Education

Early Childhood Prevention Initiative report, FYs 2018-19

The program began in 1988 to increase school success by coordinating and expanding services to children up to age 3 in high-risk areas. It served 14,003 children and 14,214 caregivers in FY 2018, and 18,026 children and 18,378 caregivers in FY 2019. The report includes program types, participant demographics, family surveys, and budget and service levels. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.89(c); issued & rec'd Oct. 2020, 36 pp.)

Illinois educator preparation content tests and pass rates, Aug. 2017-July 2020

The report shows pass rates (for first attempts and cumulative attempts) on educator licensure content tests at 54 institutions of higher education with educator preparation programs. Statewide, 85% of examinees passed content tests on the first attempt, and 93% passed eventually. Results are classified by institution. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11(d); Sept. 2020, rec'd Nov. 2020, 4 pp.)

Make S.A.F.E. Task Force final report

The Task Force was created to study and make recommendations for preventing

sexual abuse of students in school-related settings, how to respond to abuse, and how to offer proper support to abused students. The report makes 21 recommendations in five categories: educator and school staff training, best practice for sexual harm prevention, resources and supports, administration and procedures, and criminal laws. (105 ILCS 5/22-86; Sept. 2020, rec'd Nov. 2020, 32 pp. + 2 app.)

Preschool for All report, FYs 2018-19

The Preschool for All (PFA) program served 73,312 students at a cost of \$4,354 per student in FY 2018, and 73,188 students at a cost of \$4,637 per student in FY 2019. Performance by former PFA students in grade 3 on the FY 2019 Illinois Assessment of Readiness showed that about 58.9% approached, met, or exceeded expectations in math compared to about 51.9% in English language arts. The report includes student demographics, statewide need, program quality

measures, and budget and service levels. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.71(a)(6); issued & rec'd Oct. 2020, 45 pp.)

Transportation, Dept. of

Chief Procurement Office, IDOT small business contracting report, FY 2020
IDOT reported total FY 2020 spending on construction projects of almost \$1.98 billion, with about \$309 million (15.6%, 823 contracts) to small businesses. The average small business contract amount was \$375,505. IDOT reports that its FY 2021 small business compliance plan was submitted and approved by the Chief Procurement Officer, with some suggestions for IDOT to consider implementing. (30 ILCS 500/45-90(f); Oct. 2020, rec'd Nov. 2020, 2 pp.)

Chief Procurement Office joint purchase and exempt contracts report, FY 2020

IDOT's Highway Construction division made no public-private partnership agreements in FY

2020. Its contracts exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code included buying 40 parcels for almost \$5.3 million. It also had 67 land acquisition legal services contracts, 155 railroad agreements, and 57 utility agreements in place. (30 ILCS 500/1-10(b); Oct. 2020, rec'd Nov. 2020, 2 pp.)

Small business set-aside and disadvantaged enterprises programs, FY 2020

IDOT made 49 contracts totaling \$9.6 million with small businesses under the Small Business Set-Aside Program in FY 2020—part of IDOT's total small business spending of \$309 million that year. IDOT also made 2,167 contracts totaling almost \$254.9 million under the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program. IDOT continues to work to expand contracting opportunities for small businesses. (30 ILCS 500/45-45(f); Oct. 2020, rec'd Nov. 2020, 2 pp.)

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