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Auditor General

Annual report, 2019

The Financial/Compliance Audit Division conducted audits at 77 agencies in FY 2018, including compliance examinations, financial audits, and federal audits. Of those, the Auditor General's staff did 25 audits; accounting firms did the rest. Important audit findings are summarized in the report. The Performance Audit Division released 6 performance audits and 3 reviews in 2019; improvement recommendations in those audits are summarized. The Division also released 35 audits of Regional Offices of Education and 3 of Intermediate Service Centers from FY 2018. (30 ILCS 5/3-15; issued & rec'd March 2020, 43 pp.)

Agriculture, Dept. of

Agricultural Areas annual report, 2016

Illinois had 122,848 acres reserved from development in 56 Agricultural Areas in 23 counties. Henry County had the most such acres (22,735). Agricultural Areas are listed by county. (505

ILCS 5/20.1; Dec. 2016, rec'd Feb. 2020, 4 pp.)

Farmland Conversion, FY 2015

State agency purchases or other actions affected 156,282. The Commerce Commission converted the most (145,421 acres). Other major converters were the Departments of Natural Resources (5,854) and Commerce and Economic Opportunity (4,359). Conversions are summarized by department or agency. (505 ILCS 75/6; July 2016, rec'd Feb. 2020, 10 pp.)

Farmland Conversion, FY 2017

State agency purchases or other actions affected 6,987. The Commerce Commission converted the most (3,446 acres). The other major converter was the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (3,158). Conversions are summarized by department or agency. (505 ILCS 75/6; May 2018, rec'd Feb. 2020, 11 pp.)

Board of Higher Education and Community College Board

Progress report on Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act and Illinois Articulation Initiative Act

Both Acts facilitate student transfers among Illinois public institutions of higher education. The Illinois Articulation Initiative (a statewide transfer agreement in which participating colleges agree to accept a group of general education courses) annually serves 45,000 to 50,000 transfer students and includes 110 institutions. Of students who entered Illinois community colleges in 2010 and transferred to 4-year colleges, 53.8% earned bachelor's degrees within 6 years—above the national average of 42.2%. In 2017, 40.5% of transfer students from community colleges earned bachelor's degrees within 2 years. In 2017, Illinois public universities took 7,737 new full-time transfer students from community colleges, of

whom 3,458 had associates' degrees; and 88.5% of transfer students with those degrees were still enrolled in their first Illinois public university. Recommendations to improve the transfer process include more transparency about admission requirements into high-demand majors, and ensuring that advisors help students fully understand graduation requirements (S.J.R 22 [2019]; Jan. 2020, rec'd Feb. 2020, 34 pp. + 5 appendices)

Central Management Services and Human Rights, Depts. of, and Human Rights Commission

Second Progress Report on Implementation of Executive Order 2018-08

Executive Order 2018-08 required a multi-agency collaborative effort to eliminate, within 18 months, the Human Rights Commission's case backlog. The report states that the 2,500-case backlog was cleared within 14 months. There are now 129 Request for Review

cases, almost all filed in 2019. (Exec. Ord. 2018-08; undated, rec'd Feb. 2020, 21 pp. + appendix)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Angel Investment Tax Credit Program, 2019

The program's purpose is to attract and encourage investments in early-stage, innovative companies in Illinois. Applicants got \$10 million in tax credits in 2019. There were 148 businesses registered as qualified new ventures, with 174 registered investors in 2019. (35 ILCS 5/220(h); issued & rec'd. March 2020, 18 pp.)

Comptroller, Office of the
Receivables report, 2019

Gross receivables due to the state at the end of calendar 2019 were \$17.890 billion, down about \$1.0 billion from \$18.928 billion at 2018 yearend. Net receivables (believed to be collectible) were \$4.164 billion. Child support claims are the largest group of receivables

available for collection (26%), followed by interest and investment income (24%), other (licenses, fees, federal reimbursement, university activities, etc.) (23%), taxes (11%), public assistance recoveries (8%), contributions (7%), and current loan and note repayment (1%). Gross General Funds receivables were \$1.506 billion, mostly (\$805 million) for taxes. Receivables (and past-due receivables) are listed by agency. (30 ILCS 210/4(d); issued & rec'd March 2020, 26 pp.)

Human Services, Dept. of
Workplace violence quarterly report, Oct.-Dec. 2019

Some 260 incidents were reported in the fourth quarter, mostly assaults by patients; staff members were instigators in about 5 incidents. About 196 incidents resulted in injury. The report also lists whether medical intervention was required, and any days off work per injury. (20 ILCS 1705/4(c); undated, rec'd Feb. 2020, 8 pp.)

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