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COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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Board of Higher Education

Annual report on public university revenues and expenditures, FY 2024

Illinois public universities received about \$9.25 billion from all sources in FY 2024 (up from \$8.76 billion in FY 2023); and spent \$9.28 billion (up from \$8.66 billion). Tuition remained the largest source of revenue (26.0% of the total); state support rose slightly from 14.2% to 14.3%. Converted to 2024 dollars using the Consumer Price Index, revenues rose 1.5% over the last 5 years; spending from state-appropriated and university income funds declined 0.4%; and spending from other non-appropriated funds rose 5.1%. The report has information on spending by type and program, and details by institution. (30 ILCS 105/13.5; issued & rec'd Dec. 2024, 5 pp. + 9 tables, 9 figures, 5 appendices)

Illinois Articulation Initiative annual report, FY 2023

The Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) was created

in 1993 to help students transfer among Illinois public and private higher education institutions. A 2017 law required all public institutions to participate by accepting a “package” of IAI-approved general education courses in lieu of their own general education requirements. Among 38,196 students transferring in FY 2023, 7,632 took the IAI general education package at community colleges. An institution may also submit courses to IAI for transfer approval so other participating institutions accept them from transfer students. Institutions submitted 1,060 courses for review in FY 2023; 770 were approved. Some 303 faculty members participated in course review panels. (110 ILCS 152/25(b); undated, rec'd Jan. 2025, 9 pp.)

Illinois Articulation Initiative annual report, FY 2024

Among 42,345 students transferring in FY 2024, over 9,441 took the IAI general education package

at community colleges.

Institutions submitted 1,182 courses for review and 774 were approved; 352 faculty members participated in course review panels. (110 ILCS 152/25(b); undated, rec'd Jan. 2025, 10 pp.)

Children and Family Services, Dept. of

Administration of psychotropic medications to children, FY 2024

DCFS reports annually on prescription by doctors, or administration by facilities, of psychotropic drugs to children in foster care without the DCFS Guardian's consent (in violation of the law). There were 53 violations in FY 2024, involving 69 medications. Among all 23,118 psychotropic medication requests in FY 2024, the compliance rate was 99.7%. Some 74.1% were approved as written, 12.5% were approved as modified, 8.3% were rescinded by the provider, and 5.0% were denied. (20 ILCS 535/15; Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 3 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of***Cannabis social equity program annual report, 2024***

The program makes grants and loans to cannabis license applicants who were, or have family who were, arrested for cannabis offenses, or who come from areas of high poverty and high cannabis offense arrest rates. Direct loans totaling \$5.52 million went to 23 dispensaries in 2024. Another round of direct loans is planned, with technical aid offered to applicants to improve their applications. (410 ILCS 705/7-15(e); undated, rec'd Jan. 2025, 11 pp.)

Task Force on Opportunities for At-Risk Women annual report, 2024

The Task Force met three times in 2024, but had a quorum at only one meeting. A chairperson and vice chairperson were elected. A research subcommittee was formed to examine relevant work being done by other state agencies and organizations. (20 ILCS 5075/15; issued & rec'd Dec. 2024, 2 pp.)

Healthcare and Family Services, Dept. of***Payments for services from past years and changes in liabilities, FY 2024***

DHFS paid over \$842 million in FY 2024 for medical services provided in previous years. A 2012 act limited charges for Medicaid services, payable

from most state funds, that can be deferred to a later fiscal year to \$100 million. DHFS was under the limit in FY 2024, with \$25.4 million paid on bills received before that fiscal year and thus limited. The report also discusses factors affecting Medicaid costs, and Department efforts to combat fraud and abuse. (30 ILCS 105/25(e) and (g); Nov. 2024, rec'd Dec. 2024, 1 p. + 4 attachments)

Human Services, Dept. of***Commission on Children of Incarcerated Parents annual report, 2024***

Public Act 102-814, effective January 1, 2023, created the Commission to coordinate and implement recommendations of a Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents.

The Commission has met seven times and formed four workgroups that met at least three times each. Members are still being appointed. The Commission expects to have a strategic plan by February 2025. (725 ILCS 5/106G-5(e)(4); Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 1 p. + addendum)

Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security annual report, FY 2024

The Commission developed a 5-year strategic plan to meet its three statutory goals of reducing deep poverty by 50% by 2026; eliminating child poverty by 2031; and eliminating all poverty by 2036 in Illinois. The plan includes five objectives: (1) making Illinois the best state to raise families; (2) stabilizing

homes and communities; (3) ensuring just and equitable access to economic security programs; (4) addressing barriers to paid work, education, and advancement; and (5) supporting trusted community-based providers to serve the needs of those in deep poverty. The report describes current poverty in Illinois, and lists activities done in FY 2024 to meet the objectives. (305 ILCS 70/95-503(c); Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 16 pp.)

Homeless Prevention, Supportive Housing, and Emergency & Transitional Housing Programs annual report, FY 2024

Organizations getting money under the Homeless Prevention Program served 6,179 households containing 8,017 adults and 7,185 children. Program funding was \$21.8 million. The Supportive Housing Program served 13,539 persons (including 3,739 children) in 8,886 households for \$23.9 million. The Emergency and Transitional Housing Program provided over 1.9 million shelter nights, 2.4 million meals, and 1.6 million units of support services to homeless persons. It served 23,521 households containing 24,896 adults and 8,263 children, for almost \$53 million. (20 ILCS 1305/1-80, 305 ILCS 5/12-4.5, and 310 ILCS 70/13; Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 66 pp.)

Inspector General report, FY 2023

In FY 2023, DHS's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received 12,386 hotline calls, up 25% from FY 2022. It opened 3,494 investigations of abuse or neglect (including death reports), up 17% from FY 2022. Investigations resulted in 338 findings against accused employees and 46 findings of neglect against facilities or community agencies. OIG reported findings against 81 employees to the Health Care Worker Registry as required by state law. Of 71 requests for reconsideration of findings, OIG denied 53 and granted 18. It visited the 14 DHS facilities and made 43 recommendations (15 for mental health facilities and 28 for developmental facilities). Employment at OIG dropped by 4 in FY 2023; it seeks to fill open positions. (20 ILCS 1305/1-17(v); Dec. 2023, rec'd Jan. 2025, 35 pp. + 3 appendices)

Inspector General report, FY 2024

In FY 2024, DHS's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received 15,366 hotline calls, up 24% from FY 2023. It opened 4,059 investigations of abuse or neglect (including death reports), up 16% from FY 2023. Investigations resulted in 267 findings against accused employees (95 of abuse, 165 of neglect, 3 of egregious neglect, 3 of financial exploitation, and 1 of obstruction of investigation), and 16 findings of neglect against facilities or community agencies.

OIG reported findings against 68 employees to the Health Care Worker Registry as required by state law. Among 61 requests for reconsideration of findings, OIG denied 49 and granted 12. It visited the 14 DHS facilities and made 33 recommendations (18 for mental health and 15 for developmental facilities). OIG employees grew from 73 in FY 2023 to 91 in FY 2024. (20 ILCS 1305/1-17(v); Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 41 pp. + 3 appendices)

Insurance, Dept. of
Working Group Regarding Treatment and Coverage of Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Illness annual report, 2024

The working group met twice in 2024 and heard from the Department of Insurance and Get Covered Illinois (Illinois' health insurance marketplace) on relevant issues. It made no legislative recommendations. (215 ILCS 5/370c.1(h)(2); Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 3 pp.)

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority
Procurement report, July-Sept. 2024

The Authority spent \$47.0 million in the quarter, of which about 30.2% went to minority-owned businesses and 8.7% to women-owned businesses. Tables show amounts paid by ethnicity and gender of business owners and type of contract. (70 ILCS 210/23.1(b); undated, rec'd Jan. 2025, 6 pp.)

Public Health, Dept. of
Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure grants, 2024

The Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure lottery for breast cancer had \$2.41 million in sales, providing \$639,353 for grants. (Funds may also be available from prior years.) Eight grants totaling almost \$1.5 million were made to increase screening, reduce barriers, and guide patients through care. Twelve grants totaling \$447,746 went to community outreach programs. In the first quarter of the grant year, grantees reported hiring staff, creating promotional items, and meeting with program partners. (20 ILCS 2310/2310-347(c-5); Nov. 2024, rec'd Dec. 2024, 2 pp.)

Health in All Policies Workgroup annual report, 2024

The Workgroup met three times in 2024 to study public-private collaboration to include health considerations in decisions in all policy areas. Recommendations include: (1) support programs to prepare communities to assess health impacts of economic development; (2) implement community engagement for infrastructure projects; and (3) use comprehensive decision support tools for health equity in community development. (410 ILCS 155/10(i); undated, rec'd Jan. 2025, 33 pp. + 3 appendices)

Illinois Men's Health initial assessment, 2024-25

The report has statistics on several men's health topics including mental health, life expectancy and chronic disease, fatherhood, sexual health, and health equity. Illinois men have a suicide rate 3.6 times as high and a life expectancy 5.8 years shorter than women. The report includes data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, which gathers information on Illinois adults' risk factors. It also lists activities by the Men's Health section of IDPH, next steps, and policy and service recommendations. (20 ILCS 2310/2310-424.5(c); undated, rec'd Jan. 2025, 24 pp.)

State Board of Education

H.J.R 57 report on costs of \$22 minimum wage for educational support employees

House Joint Resolution 57 of 2024 directed ISBE to study effects of \$22 hourly minimum pay for educational support services employees. The report projects that pay of paraprofessional and noncertified staff in Illinois public schools would rise by \$191 million to \$228 million after such an increase. (H.J.R. 57 (2024); Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 7 pp.)

Report on radon test results in public schools, Nov. 2022-Nov. 2024

Fifty-five schools in 15 districts sent radon test results using 5,126 test kits in 4,318 rooms. Of those, 133 kits at 25 schools found over 4.0 picocuries per liter—the level at which state law recommends mitigation). (105 ILCS 5/10-20.48 and 5/34-18.39(c); issued & rec'd Dec. 2024, 3 pp.)

State Education Equity Committee annual progress report, 2024

The report describes the Committee's activities in 2024 and how they align with ISBE's strategic plan, and has updates on efforts to implement its 2023 recommendations. In a 2024 meeting, the Committee also provided ideas to ISBE on identifying diverse subject matter experts to inform policy development. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.191(g) and (h); issued & rec'd Dec. 2024, 23 pp. + 1 appendix)

State Police, Illinois

Expressway Camera Act annual report, FY 2024

The Act requires the ISP to report expressway camera cost and use data. By June 30, 2024, 338 cameras were in use in Cook, 52 in St. Clair, and 4 each in Champaign and Morgan Counties. Installing them cost

\$2.5 million; Cook County had \$52,505 in maintenance costs. Cameras are expected in 18 other counties. They may be used to investigate hijacking, terrorism, vehicle theft, and forcible felonies. (605 ILCS 140/5(b-5); July 2024, rec'd Dec. 2024, 2 pp.)

FOID Card Review Board monthly report, Dec. 2024

The Board hears petitions from persons whose FOID card applications were denied or FOID cards were revoked. It received 43 cases in December. It granted relief in 28 and denied relief in 2; 13 cases were continued. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 1 p.)

Teachers' Retirement System

Final state funding certification, FY 2026

The TRS Board certified two state funding amounts for FY 2026: \$6.5 billion based on the law or \$10.7 billion based on actuarial standards. The certifications include assumptions on the impact of accelerated pension benefit programs in P.A. 100-587 as extended by P.A. 102-718. (40 ILCS 5/16-158(a-5); issued & rec'd Jan. 2025, 2 pp. + attachment)