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### **Board of Higher Education**

*Annual report of new, consolidated, closed, and low-producing programs at Illinois public universities, 2021-22 and 2022-23*

In academic year 2021-22, 21 bachelor's, 20 master's, and 3 doctoral programs were opened at Illinois public universities, while 4 bachelor's, 3 master's, and 1 doctoral program were closed. In 2022-23, 17 bachelor's and 5 master's programs were opened; 17 bachelor's, 7 master's, and 1 doctoral program were closed. Universities flag programs not meeting enrollment and completion targets. Of 105 programs flagged in 2021-22, 6 were assigned to sunset and 2 to be consolidated. Of 115 flagged in 2022-23, 7 were assigned to sunset and 3 to be consolidated. Most other flagged programs will continue under review. Details are given by university. (110 ILCS 205/7; Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 19 pp. + 24 appendices (original report) and 11 pp. + 4 appendices (update)))

*Annual report on public university revenues and expenditures, FY 2023*

Illinois public universities received about \$8.76 billion from all sources in FY 2023 (up from \$8.68 billion in FY 2022) and spent \$8.66 billion (up from \$8.35 billion). Tuition remained the largest source of revenue (26.2%); state support was unchanged at 14.2%. Converted to 2023 dollars using the Consumer Price Index, revenues rose 0.7% over the last 5 years; spending from state-appropriated and university income funds declined 2.1%; and spending from other non-appropriated funds rose 3.5%. The report has information on expenditures by type and program, and detailed information by institution. (30 ILCS 105/13.5; Nov. 2023, rec'd Dec. 2024, 5 pp. + 9 tables, 9 figures, 5 appendices)

*Illinois Articulation Initiative annual report, FY 2022*

The Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) was created in 1993 to ease the way for students to transfer among Illinois public and private institutions of higher education. 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 38,292 students transferring in FY 2022, over 7,300 completed the IAI general education package at a community college. An institution may also submit courses to IAI for transfer approval, under which other participating institutions grant credit for them to transfer students who took them. In FY 2022, institutions submitted 1,118 courses for review; 600 were approved. Some 303 faculty members participated in the course review panels. (110 ILCS 152/25(b); Dec. 2022, rec'd Jan. 2025, 11 pp.)

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**Children and Family Services, Dept. of*****Inspector General's report, FY 2024***

In FY 2024, 168 child deaths met review criteria, leading to 5 full investigations. Fifty-eight other cases were referred for Child Welfare Employee License investigations; 7,852 criminal background searches were done; and 143 investigation referrals were received from the Executive Inspector General. The hotline took 801 calls, including 217 requests for investigations. The report summarizes child death investigations, circumstances of reported deaths, and general investigations conducted. It has updates on past recommendations, and describes efforts to reduce errors and employee malfeasance. (20 ILCS 505/35.5(h); Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 176 pp. + 2 appendices)

**Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of*****Build Illinois revolving funds and Enterprise Zone Loan Fund, FY 2024***

On June 30, 2024 the Illinois Capital Revolving Loan Fund had \$2.3 million; the Large Business Attraction Fund had \$290.9 million; and the Illinois Equity Fund had \$2.4 million. The Department never received an appropriation for the

Enterprise Zone Loan Fund and the State Comptroller has no such fund, so there is nothing to report on it. (20 ILCS 655/12-9, and 30 ILCS 750/9-9 and 750/10-9; Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 7 pp.)

**Healthcare and Family Services, Dept. of*****Payments for services from past years and changes in liabilities, FY 2023***

DHFS paid over \$304 million in FY 2023 for medical services provided in previous years. A 2012 act limits charges for Medicaid services, payable from most state funds, that can be deferred to later fiscal years to \$100 million. DHFS is under that limit in FY 2023, with some \$4.3 million in payment of bills received before the start of the fiscal year. The report also discusses factors affecting Medicaid costs and the Department's efforts to combat fraud and abuse. (30 ILCS 105/25(e) and (g); undated, rec'd Dec. 2024, 4 attachments)

**Human Services, Dept. of*****Autism progress report, 2024***

The report describes the Autism Task Force's work and progress in these areas: (1) addressing early intervention services for children with autism; (2) improving family support mechanisms; (3) increasing adequate transition services; and (4) getting Section 1915c

waivers. The early intervention workgroup drafted a statement to DHS for improved service provision for children with autism in Illinois. A transition workgroup developed a survey to assess families' knowledge of services available to autistic students in the high school transition years. It had 395 responses, which the workgroup will analyze in 2025. The insurance workgroup is preparing a plan to shorten diagnostic wait times for children and adults with autism. In FY 2024, the Children's Support Waiver had 1,080 participants and the Children's Residential Waiver had 131. (20 ILCS 1705/57; Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 10 pp.)

***Community Emergency Services and Support Act (CESSA) quarterly status report, Oct.-Dec. 2024***

The Act requires emergency response operators to refer calls for mental and behavioral health support to a new service that can dispatch mental health professionals in lieu of police. Pretests of the model were completed. Results were evaluated and findings integrated with recommendations for 11 "pilot" implementations. The report lists accomplishments and pending tasks, and discusses challenges and addressing them. (50 ILCS 754/70; Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 14 pp. + 1 appendix)

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## **Illinois Broadband Advisory Council**

### *Annual report, 2024*

The Council met four times in 2024. Under the statewide Connect Illinois initiative for broadband expansion, 62 projects were funded in the third round of awards. An upcoming fourth round will receive \$1.04 billion in federal funds. The state published its State Digital Equity Plan in 2024—a step needed to apply for State Digital Equity Capacity Grant funds. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) approved Illinois' application for \$23.7 million in Capacity Grants; two more awards are to follow. As a bridge to the forthcoming federal Capacity Grants, the Illinois Office of Broadband awarded over \$2 million in Digital Equity Capacity Kickstarter grants to 33 projects. The report has statistics on broadband availability in Illinois. (220 ILCS 80/20(e); undated, rec'd Jan. 2025, 19 pp. + 3 appendices)

## **Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans Task Force**

### *Report, 2023-2024*

The Task Force continued working to identify strategies to reduce African American maternal and infant mortality. Overall infant mortality rates in

2021 were 5.4 deaths per 1,000 births in the U.S., and 5.6 in Illinois. Rates are generally 2 to 4 times as high for non-Hispanic African American infants. The Task Force recommended that its statutory annual reporting mandate be made biennial, and requested more staff. (20 ILCS 5145/20; Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 17 pp. + 3 appendices)

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

### *Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership annual report, 2024*

The report describes administrative changes to the Partnership due to recent laws affecting it, and actions to implement the Children's Mental Health Plan for 2022-2027. The Partnership's Youth Council met five times in 2024, and made five recommendations for improving youth mental health. (405 ILCS 49/5(d)(5); Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 13 pp. + 2 appendices)

### *Statewide Task Force on Limited English Proficient Patient Access to Quality Interpreter Services final report, 2024*

The Task Force was created to make recommendations to increase access to interpreter services for patients with limited English proficiency. It met eight times in 2024. The report includes data on languages spoken in Illinois, a discussion of language barriers in health care, and results of a survey of

medical interpreters. The Task Force made 8 recommendations, including securing more funding for interpreters, improving the quality of interpreter services through certification and standardized training, educating health care providers on language access laws, and expanding the interpreter workforce using incentives and partnerships with colleges. (H.J.R. 13 (2023); Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 25 pp. + 3 appendices)

### *Suicide prevention report, FY 2024*

The report summarizes actions by IDPH and the Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance to implement the state's Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan, and lists four main strategies under the Plan: promote health and empowerment for persons, families, and communities; support clinical and community suicide prevention services; encourage health care providers to address suicide prevention with patients; and promote suicide prevention research. The report lists accomplishments, recommends next steps, and gives details on suicide rates by age, sex, and ethnicity. (410 ILCS 53/13; issued & rec'd Dec. 2024, 24 pp. + 2 appendices)

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**State Board of Education***Capital Needs Assessment  
Survey, 2024*

The 429 responding school districts reported \$9 billion in capital needs for building construction, addition, or repair in the next 2 years (compared to \$8 billion from 462 districts in the preceding year). The \$9 billion consists of \$2.7 billion for new construction; \$1.6 billion for repairs and remodeling; \$3.5 billion to meet health-life safety requirements; and \$1.1 billion for other needs, such as safety and accessibility measures. Some 256 temporary classrooms are being used due to overcrowding; 402 more classrooms are needed for pre-k and kindergarten. (105 ILCS 230/5-60; Dec. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 8 pp.)

**Transportation, Dept. of***Chief Procurement Office,  
IDOT small business  
contracting report, FY 2024*

IDOT reported total FY 2024 spending on construction projects of slightly over \$3.1 billion, including about \$455.0 million (14.5%) to small businesses. Small businesses got 752 contracts averaging \$605,094. IDOT submitted its annual small business compliance plan to the Chief Procurement Officer, who approved it with some suggestions to expand the pool of qualified small-business contractors and streamline procurement. (30 ILCS 500/45-90(f); Oct. 2024, rec'd Dec. 2024, 2 pp.)

**Workforce Innovation Board***Annual report 2023*

The report describes the Board's progress toward implementing the state's plan for workforce innovation and development; ways to evaluate how well workforce programs serve employers; and use of waivers to federal statutory and regulatory requirements to strengthen workforce development. (20 ILCS 3975/4.5(b); undated, rec'd Dec. 2024, 16 pp. + 2 attachments)

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