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### **Board of Higher Education**

*Annual report on public university revenues and expenditures, FY 2020*

Illinois public universities received about \$7.57 billion from all sources in FY 2020 (up from \$7.35 billion in FY 2019); and spent \$7.499 billion (up from \$7.236 billion). Tuition remained the largest source of revenue (27.6% of the total); state support slightly increased from 15.2% to 15.4%. Converted to 2020 dollars using the Consumer Price Index, revenues decreased 0.7% since FY 2017; and expenditures increased 3.0% since FY 2016. The COVID-19 pandemic caused a revenue loss of \$305 million for FY 2020. The report has information by function and has detailed information for each institution. (30 ILCS 105/13.5; July 2021, rec'd March 2022, 4 pp. + 9 tables, 9 figures, 5 appendices)

*Annual report on public university revenues and expenditures, FY 2021*

Illinois public universities

received about \$7.758 billion from all sources in FY 2021 (up from \$7.570 billion in FY 2020); and spent \$7.756 billion (up from \$7.501 billion). Tuition remained the largest source of revenue (27.2% of the total); state support fell slightly from 15.4% to 15.1%. Converted to 2021 dollars using the Consumer Price Index, revenues declined 0.5% over the last 5 years, and expenditures increased 2.6%. As of April 2021, revenue loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic was \$533.8 million for FY 2021. Public universities and students were granted \$807.3 million in federal relief funding. The report has information by function and has detailed information for each institution. (30 ILCS 105/13.5; Dec. 2021, rec'd March 2022, 3 pp. + 9 tables, 9 figures, 5 appendices)

### **Comptroller, Office of the**

*Fee Imposition Report, FY 2019*

The state collected \$10.011 billion in fees to at least 74 agencies—up nearly 2% from FY 2018. The report

lists fees and collections by agency. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services reported \$2.531 billion (up \$157 million); Secretary of State \$2.322 billion (an \$87 million increase); and public universities \$2.698 billion collectively (a \$60 million decrease). Most fee money (94.6%) went to restricted funds. (15 ILCS 405/16.2; Sept. 2020, rec'd March 2022, 16 pp. + 5 appendices)

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

*Review of regulations burdening small businesses, 2022*

State agencies must review their regulations and permitting processes for small businesses periodically to identify any that are unreasonable, unduly burdensome, duplicative, or onerous. The EPA identified 45 burdensome regulations, made recommendations, and reported on any changes to such regulations since the last report. (20 ILCS 608/20(c); undated, rec'd March 2022, 3 pp.)

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**Human Services, Dept. of**  
*Customized Employment for  
Individuals with Disabilities Act  
annual report, 2021*

Under the Act, DHS is to establish a 5-year pilot program to help individuals with disabilities find employment suited to their interests and abilities. In its second year, the pilot program had 8 customized employment contracts (up from 6 in year one) that served 24 customers (up from 13 in year one). The goal stated in the Act was to serve 25 people by year two; the report says that the COVID-19 pandemic slowed implementation and recommends the pilot program should continue. (820 ILCS 97/30; issued & rec'd April 2022, 5 pp.)

**Insurance, Dept. of**  
*Insurance cost containment  
report, 2020*

Illinois policyholders paid \$27 billion in direct written premiums in 2019. Losses divided by direct earned premiums increased from 56.7% in 2018 to 61.97% in 2019. Total written premiums for homeowners' coverage were \$3.9 billion, up 5.1% from 2018. Total written premiums for medical malpractice liability coverage were \$328 million, up 0.9% from 2018. The report also provides information on automobile and worker's compensation insurance. (215 ILCS 5/1202(d); July 2020, rec'd March 2022, 35 pp. + 6 appendices)

*Insurance cost containment  
report, 2021*

Illinois policyholders paid \$27 billion in direct written premiums in 2020. Losses divided by direct earned premiums increased from 61.97% in 2019 to 62.93% in 2020. Total written premiums for homeowners' coverage were \$4.1 billion. Total written premiums for medical malpractice liability coverage were \$342 million. The report also provides data on passenger vehicle liability and worker's compensation insurance, among other topics. (215 ILCS 5/1202(d); July 2021, rec'd March 2022, 34 pp. + 6 appendices)

**Labor, Dept. of**  
*Child Labor Law annual report,  
FY 2021*

The Department of Labor administers the Law by maintaining a toll-free hotline and paperless permitting process. The COVID-19 pandemic prompted an emergency rule allowing remote application for child employment certificates, and P.A. 102-32 (2021) made the change permanent. In FY 2021 schools and their agents issued 14,864 employment certificates, an increase of 1,688 from fiscal year 2020. The Department received 488 requests for hour restriction waivers for children working in motion picture or related entertainment productions, and held two informal settlement

conferences, collecting \$2,750 in penalties. (820 ILCS 205/18.2; undated, rec'd March 2022, 2 pp.)

**Legislative Audit Commission**  
*Annual report, 2021*

In 2021 the Commission reviewed 212 financial audits and compliance examinations, parts of 2 statewide single audits, and 3 performance audits. It reviewed statements for 138 emergency purchases totaling \$126.1 million; monitored reports of the travel control boards created by law; reviewed awards not made to the lowest bidders; and distributed booklets on revised purchasing laws and university guidelines. (25 ILCS 150/3; undated, rec'd Feb. 2022, 28 pp. + 4 appendices)

**Public Health, Dept. of**  
*Hospital plans for sexual  
assault survivors, Oct. 2021*  
The report lists (1) the type of plan each hospital has submitted for sexual assault survivors—either a treatment plan or a transfer plan; (2) where each hospital will transfer to or accept transfers from; (3) when each plan was received; (4) when revisions were requested and when they were received; and (5) when each plan was approved. No plan denials have been issued. (410 ILCS 70/2.05(b); Oct. 2021, rec'd March 2022, 4 pp.)

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**State Board of Education***Inclusive American History Commission final report*

The Commission was created to help ISBE revise its social science learning standards. The Commission met as a whole 7 times, and divided into subcommittees addressing guidance for learning standards; review of school resources; and professional learning. The report includes the Commission's findings, recommendations, and resources. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.187; Feb. 2022, rec'd March 2022, 19 pp. + 11 appendices)

*Professional Review Panel's Ad Hoc Committee report, 2021*

The Panel was required to review a number of elements of the state's evidence-based funding model for schools to determine its adequacy and ability to advance racial equity. The Committee reported on its findings and recommendations in a number of specific areas, including the financial ability of school districts to provide foreign language instruction to all students; whether adult-to-student ratios accurately reflect staffing needs to support students living in poverty or who have traumatic backgrounds; and ways for the state to fully fund schools more quickly. (105 ILCS 5/18-8.15(i) (7), enacted by P.A. 101-654 (2021); Dec. 2021, rec'd Feb. 2022, 42 pp. + 4 appendices)

*School mandate waiver requests, spring 2022*

The report summarizes 47 waiver requests transmitted to the General Assembly, plus 16 withdrawn or returned and 10 approved, and classifies each by topic and General Assembly action, and lists the related statutes. Waiver topics include: administrative cost cap limitations (11 transmitted to the General Assembly and 2 withdrawn or returned); attendance (1 approved); CTE licensure endorsement (1 withdrawn or returned); competency based education (1 approved); holidays (1 withdrawn or returned); school improvement days (8 approved and 2 withdrawn or returned); non-resident tuition (31 transmitted to the General Assembly and 10 withdrawn or returned); and driver's education (5 transmitted to the General Assembly). (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g; issued & rec'd Feb. 2022, 20 pp.)

*Whole Child Task Force report, 2022*

The Whole Child Task Force was created by P.A. 101-654 (2021) to study how schools can address trauma and mental health problems among students. The report describes increased exposure to stress and trauma among students due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the task force's activities and recommendations. Recommendations include more training for educators, public education, and increased data

collection. (105 ILCS 5/22-90(e); issued and rec'd March 2022, 50 pp.)

**State Board of Investment***Economic opportunity investments, FY 2021*

The Board's investments in Illinois companies were worth \$511.9 million (2.09% of its total controlled assets). Illinois-based investment managers controlled \$864.4 million (3.52%) of assets entrusted to the Board. (40 ILCS 5/1A-108.5(c); Aug. 2021, rec'd Feb. 2022, 17 pp.)

**State Fire Marshal***Annual report, 2021*

The report gives information on the Office's activities, including grants and loans to fire departments; arson investigations; boiler and pressure vessel safety; elevator safety; petroleum and chemical safety; personnel standards and education; technical services support; advisory boards and commissions; and the Office's budget. The Office did 1,053 arson investigations; 47,572 boiler and pressure inspections; and 14,495 fire safety inspections. It also processed 12,039 elevator operation certificates and registered 18,852 active petroleum chemical tanks. (50 ILCS 740/13; undated, rec'd Feb. 2022, 29 pp.)

*Review of regulations burdening small businesses, 2022*

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that are unreasonable, unduly burdensome, duplicative, or onerous. The State Fire Marshal identified some 16 relevant regulations, ranked their degree of burden on small businesses, and made recommendations for change. (20 ILCS 608/20(c); undated, rec'd March 2022, 6 pp.)

**State Police, Illinois**

*Fingerprint reuse report*

The report considers whether fingerprints submitted voluntarily for purposes unrelated to a FOID card could be used to determine whether an applicant qualified for automatic renewal of a FOID

card. The FBI advised the ISP that such use is not permitted under its current policies. The FBI is expected to issue more information on the matter later in 2022. (430 ILCS 65/4(a-26); Dec. 2021, rec'd Feb. 2022, 6 pp.)

*Nonconsensual eavesdropping, 2021*

ISP reports no counties with nonconsensual eavesdropping requests. Among Illinois counties, 51 submitted reports to ISP and 51 failed to respond. (725 ILCS 5/108B-13; issued & rec'd March 2022, 4 pp.)

*Report on use of eavesdropping devices, 2021*

State's attorneys in 51 counties filed eavesdropping reports with ISP; 27 of them reported no eavesdropping. The other 51 did not report. The counties reported 211 consensual eavesdropping applications to judges (207 original and 4 extensions). Crimes investigated were reported as 80% drugs, 10% sex-related, 2% murder-related, 0.5% theft-related, and 2.5% other; 5% were not reported. Eavesdropping brought 104 arrests with 19 convictions; 60 arrests and 69 trials were pending. (725 ILCS 5/197A-11(c); issued & rec'd March 2022, 8 pp.)

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