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Board of Higher Education

Annual report of new, consolidated, closed, and low-producing programs at Illinois public universities, 2019-20
In the 2019-20 academic year, 13 bachelor's, 20 master's, and 8 doctoral programs were opened at Illinois public universities. Of those, 6 bachelor's programs, 11 master's programs, and 2 doctoral programs were created by reorganizations, elevation of a concentration, or consolidations. In the same year, 10 bachelor's, 10 master's, and 2 doctoral programs were closed. In even-numbered years, universities report on low-producing programs assigned Priority Review status in the preceding year. Of the 23 programs identified, 1 was assigned to sunset and 1 to be consolidated. Most others will remain under review. Details are given by university. (110 ILCS 205/7; Dec. 2021, rec'd Oct. 2022, 8 pp. + 8 appendices)

Public university tuition and fee waivers and tuition quartiles, FY 2021

Illinois public universities granted 40,748 tuition and fee waivers worth \$471.2 million in FY 2021. By value, 23% of waivers went to undergraduates and 77% to graduate students. Most graduate student waivers were for teaching and/or research assistants. Almost 88% of the waivers were discretionary; the rest were mandatory. Public universities waived \$23.9 million in tuition and fees for military veterans without state reimbursement. Among all Illinois public university students, 28% (30% of in-state students and 11.7% of out-of-state students) paid no tuition or fees. Among those eligible for Pell grants, 58.4% paid no tuition or fees. (110 ILCS 205/9.29; Jan. 2022, rec'd Oct. 2022, 8 pp.)

Board of Higher Education and Community College Board

College and Career Success for All Students Act report, 2020
The Act requires public higher

education institutions to grant academic credit for Advanced Placement (AP) scores of 3 or higher, and for International Baccalaureate (IB) scores of 4 or higher, with IBHE and ICCB to review compliance. All institutions sampled comply with the Act. The boards recommended that institutions have clear policy statements on credit; periodically review whether it is being granted properly; and compare their credit policies with those of other institutions. Details of the review by institution are included. (105 ILCS 302/30(c); Dec. 2020, rec'd Oct. 2022, 5 pp. + 3 appendices)

Capital Development Board *Chief Procurement Office, CDB small business participation report, FY 2022*

In FY 2022, 273 Capital Development Board contracts (55% of all CDB contracts) were with small businesses. Spending on those contracts was \$167.4 million—28% of total CDB spending of about \$600 million. (Subcontractors are not included in those

numbers.) CDB does not set aside contracts for small businesses, because its percentage of contracts with them continually exceeds the 10% statewide goal. (30 ILCS 500/45-90(f); issued & rec'd Nov. 2022, 2 pp.)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

Recycling and recycled paper procurement update, FY 2022

In 2022, paper recycling vendors recycled 1.6 million pounds of paper in the I-Cycle program. Of the paper products that CMS bought for state agencies, 42% came from recycled sources. Some 64,116 electronic items were recycled, diverting over 1.3 million pounds of electronic waste from landfills. The report also lists other achievements. (415 ILCS 20/3(j); undated, rec'd Oct. 2022, 5 pp.)

Commerce Commission

Transportation Regulatory Fund annual report, FY 2022

The Fund had income of \$11.5 million (\$7.4 million from motor carriers and \$4.1 million from railroads) and spent almost \$12.4 million (\$5.8 million for motor carriers and \$6.6 million for railroads). The report also lists all staff positions funded from the Fund and methods used to allocate funds. (625 ILCS 5/18c-1604; issued & rec'd Oct. 2022, 10 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Report to the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission, Oct. 2022

The report describes actions under the Restore Illinois plan for responding to COVID-19, including support to businesses, residents, and local governments. Grants of \$106 million will be made through the Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets program. A second round of funding for tourism attractions and festivals was authorized. Local governments and regional economic development organizations got 42 awards under the RISE (Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Recovery) program. In round 2 of Illinois Rental Payment Program awards so far, \$203.5 million was disbursed to 27,279 applicants. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045(c); Oct. 2022, rec'd Nov. 2022, 9 pp.)

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

Wagering in Illinois, 2022

State tax revenues from wagering totaled \$1.885 billion, up 38.8% from FY 2021. The increase resulted from recovery of gaming revenues after the pandemic, and implementation of new components of some forms of gaming. Gaming revenues were 44.2% lottery, 40.4% video gaming, 7.5% sports wagering, 7.4% riverboat casinos, and 0.4% horse

racing. Lottery transfers to the Common School Fund were \$820 million—an all-time high. Video gaming brought \$130 million in tax revenues to local governments and over \$760 million to the Capital Projects Fund. The number of video gaming terminals has increased steadily to over 43,000, of which 7,999 are in Cook County. Riverboat casinos' adjusted gross receipts rose 45.7% from FY 2021 due to recovery from the pandemic and the opening of a new casino in Rockford, but their totals remained below pre-pandemic levels. Gaming-related revenues from riverboat casinos have consistently fallen since FY 2012; but if combined with video gaming totals, revenues rose to \$3.9 billion in FY 2022. Illinois' horse racing handle rose 11.5% in 2021, but was still 12.6% below levels from 10 years ago. Sports betting had \$611 million in adjusted gross receipts and \$92 million in tax revenues in its second full year. (S. Res. 875 (1991); Sept. 2022, 95 pp.)

Environmental Protection Agency

Plan for replacing vehicle emissions testing stations in Chicago

The Illinois EPA is to provide a plan to replace the former vehicle emissions inspection stations in Chicago, which were removed after the EPA made a new contract in 2016. The plan includes one

centralized test-only station with 10 workstations and 1 self-service kiosk; 6 inspection and repair testing stations with one workstation each; 3 other self-service kiosks; and 1 mobile testing unit. A project solicitation will be posted by 2023; the target starting date is September 1, 2024. The report also lists testing stations in other Illinois cities, and describes other states' programs. (625 ILCS 5/13C-80; issued & rec'd Oct. 2022, 16 pp.)

Financial and Professional Regulation, Dept. of

Illinois Blockchain Business Development final report, 2020

Under the Blockchain Business Development Act, the Department was to review the potential application of blockchain technology to banking in Illinois. The report describes how blockchain technologies work; how they are used; obstacles to their use; potential applications in banking; and other states'

actions on blockchain and cryptocurrencies. Two major recommendations are (1) continue creation of a unit in the Department to guide blockchain-focused companies in Illinois, and (2) that the General Assembly consider allowing special-purpose institutions, such as cryptocurrency asset services, to be chartered in Illinois, empowering the Department to impose consistent standards on them and giving them access to mainstream banking services. (205 ILCS 725/10(b); Dec. 2020, rec'd Oct. 2022, 28 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

Missing children report, 2019
In 2019, 14,686 Illinois minors were reported missing; 13,580 were found, and 1,106 remained missing at yearend. No Illinois AMBER Alerts were issued in 2019 (none of the nearly 40 requests met the criteria). The report lists, by county, numbers of children reported missing and cleared (located, returned,

arrested, or found dead), and how many cases remained pending by county. (325 ILCS 40/8; undated, rec'd Oct. 2022, 13 pp.)

Missing children report, 2020

In 2020, 13,730 Illinois minors were reported missing; 13,049 were found, and 681 remained missing at yearend. Four AMBER Alerts were issued. The report lists, by county, numbers of children reported missing and cleared, and how many cases remained pending by county. (325 ILCS 40/8; undated, rec'd Oct. 2022, 14 pp.)

Transportation, Dept. of
Chief Procurement Office joint purchases report, FY 2022

IDOT Highway Construction procured no items by joint purchase in FY 2022. (30 ILCS 525/2(a-10); issued & rec'd Oct. 2022, 1 p.)

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