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Aging, Dept. on

Respite services report, FY 2019

The Department receives federal funds to provide respite care through Title III-B and Title III-E of the (federal) Older Americans Act. State funds have not been appropriated. The state is divided into 13 Planning and Service Areas (PSAs)—each with one Area Agency on Aging, which plan, coordinate, and advocate for a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for the elderly and caregivers within the PSA. The Department projected 2,141 caregivers received over 92,000 hours of respite services in FY 2019 (685 under Title III-B and 1,456 under Title III-E). The report also gives demographics of caregivers. (320 ILCS 10/12; Feb. 2019, rec'd May 2019, 13 pp.)

Board of Higher Education

Annual report of new, consolidated, closed, and low-producing programs at Illinois public universities, 2017-18

In the 2017-18 academic year, 22 bachelor's, 19 master's, and 1 doctoral program were opened at Illinois public universities (13 of the bachelor's-level programs and 11 of the master's-level program were consolidations); and 14 bachelor's, 13 master's, and 1 doctoral program were closed. In even-numbered years, universities report on low-producing programs assigned *Priority Review* status in the previous year. Of the 38 bachelor's programs identified, 2 were assigned to sunset; and of the 15 master's programs, 3 were assigned to sunset. Most of the others will continue to be reviewed. The tables and appendices give details by university. (110 ILCS 205/7; issued & rec'd June 2019, 26 pp. + 13 appendices)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities annual report, FY 2018

In FY 2018, agencies and universities made over \$607 million in contracts with businesses certified under the program (25% of all eligible contracts—over the 20% goal). Some 51% of all certified vendors had contracts that year. Also, CMS rules adopted in FY 2018 clarified how and when the Business Enterprise Council can choose to declare a sheltered market. The report lists statutory and targeted goals for each agency or university, and the value of contracts with certified firms. (30 ILCS 575/8f; Mar. 2019, rec'd May 2019, 66 pp.)

Hispanic Employment Plan, FY 2018

In 2018, 6.35% of state employees covered by the Personnel Code were Hispanic.

About 16.01% of Illinois' labor force is Hispanic. Hispanic individuals represented 7% of new hires, 6% of promotions, and 7% of supervisory, technical, or professional positions. The 5 state agencies with the highest numbers of Hispanics employed were the Departments of: Human Services (1,212), Corrections (443), Children and Family Services (226), Employment Security (186), and Healthcare and Family Services (134). In FY 2018, 71% of Hispanic individuals who took an open competitive exam for state employment got a passing grade while the passage rate for all applicants was 73%. Recently, CMS launched a new "diversity dashboard" that allows users to access statewide and agency employment demographic data. (20 ILCS 405/40-120; April 2019, rec'd May 2019, 37 pp.)

Commerce Commission

Accidents and incidents with hazardous materials on Illinois railroads, 2018

The Commission checked 17,209 railroad cars carrying hazardous materials, down 6% from 2017. Inspectors found violations in 1.6% of inspections. Among 64 railway incidents involving hazardous materials, 1 derailment released hazardous materials and 8 did not; 55 releases occurred without derailment. For all incidents, tables show the location, railroad, material, suspected causes, amounts involved and released, and

dates. (625 ILCS 5/18c-1204(3); issued and rec'd April 2019, 12 pp. + attachments)

Office of Retail Market Development annual report, 2019

ICC has certified 108 alternative suppliers for retail electric customers and licensed 433 agents, brokers, and consultants. In May 2019, 2,006,144 customers received electric supply from alternative retail electric suppliers, up 0.2% from 2018. Electricity supplied to the market by alternative retail electric suppliers decreased 3.4%. The report offers no new recommendations at this time. (220 ILCS 5/20-110; issued June 2019, rec'd July 2019, 38 pp.)

Cable & video services access annual report, 2019

Currently 22 companies are approved to provide cable or video services. In 2018, AT&T offered access to 2.8 million households (29% low income); WideOpenWest Illinois to 453,026 (34% low income); Highland Communication to 4,158 (30% low income); Mediacom Illinois, LLC to 261,516 (41% low income); MCC Illinois LLC to 90,382 (39% low income); Comcast to 100% of low income households in Chicago (375,137 households); Computer Techniques, Inc. to 5,877 (43% low income); Illinois Electric Cooperative to 1,369 (14% low income); Mediacom Southeast

LLC to 2,025 (43% low income); RCN Telecom Service of Illinois to 22,660 (15% low income); Co-Mo Comm, Inc. to 10,054 (28% low income); iTV-3 of Central Illinois, LLC to 10,260 (11% low income); Frontier North, Inc. to 42,152 (13% low income); Wabash Communications to 154 (36% low income); Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. to 65,020 (36% low income); Zito Midwest LLC to 4,668 (26% low income); New Wave Communications to 432,040 (40% low income); Madison Communications, Inc. to 2,525 (5% low income); and Cass Cable TV, Inc. to 2,255 (16% low income). Pavlov Media Cable Illinois, LLC reported that technical issues delayed cable and video services, and it expects to start providing service later in 2019. (220 ILCS 5/21-1101(k); issued & rec'd June 2019, 17 pp. + attachments)

Commerce & Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) Tax Credit Program annual report, 2018

The program gives tax credits to eligible firms to expand or retain jobs. Eligibility is based on capital investment and new jobs. In 2018, 39 projects were approved (projecting about \$285.8 million in private investment, and about 1,976 new jobs). The report profiles projects approved in 2018, and

updates the tax status of past ones. (35 ILCS 10/5-70; issued and rec'd July 2019, 89 pp.)

Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund annual report, 2019

The Fund collects money to help low-income households buy energy; there were no deposits in CY 2018. There were no expenditures in CY 2018, but \$14,500 was transferred by law out of the Fund in May 2018; the May 2019 balance was \$14,473. The report summarizes issues preventing DCEO from achieving the goals of the Fund and recommends the Fund be abolished and moneys be transferred to the Supplemental Low Income Energy Assistance Fund. (305 ILCS 22/35; issued and rec'd May 2019, 7 pp.)

High Impact Business Designation

Alta Farms Wind Project II, LLC was designated an Illinois High Impact Business/Wind Energy Business for its DeWitt County wind energy facility. The designation entitles Alta Farms to a business material tax exemption for up to 20 years. (20 ILCS 655/5.5(h); issued & rec'd June 2019, 2 pp.)

High Impact Business Designation

Glacier Sands Wind Power, LLC was designated an Illinois High Impact Business/Wind Energy Business for its Mason County wind energy facility. The designation entitles Glacier

Sands to a business material sales tax exemption for up to 20 years. (20 ILCS 655/5.5(h); issued & rec'd July 2019, 2 pp. + 1 map)

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

Capital plan analysis, FY 2020
The Governor's FY 2020 capital budget proposal had \$3.7 billion in new appropriations and \$14.0 billion in re-appropriations. New appropriations were from state funds (\$2.8 billion in pay-as-you-go funding), federal funds (\$115 million), and bond funds (\$813 million). In FY 2018, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) sold \$7.25 billion in G.O. bonds. In FY 2019 at the time of the report, GOMB had sold \$250 million of new Build Illinois bonds and \$966 million in G.O. refunding bonds; and it planned to sell by the end of the fiscal year \$300 million in G.O. Pension Obligation Acceleration bonds and \$152 million in G.O. refunding bonds. GOMB planned to sell \$1.1 billion in G.O. bonds for capital projects in FY 2020 (plus \$700 million of Pension Obligation Acceleration bonds). Current G.O. bond authorization for capital projects is \$32.2 billion. The report summarizes proposed appropriations by agency, current bond topics, and bond debt not supported by the state. (25 ILCS 155/3(8); Apr. 2019, rec'd May 2019, 90 pp. + 4 appendices)

Comptroller, Office of the Fee Imposition Report, FY 2018

The state collected \$9.835 billion in fees to at least 97 agencies—up less than 1% from FY 2017. The report lists fees and collections by agency. The Secretary of State reported \$2.235 billion (down 6%); Department of Healthcare and Family Services \$2.374 billion (up \$102 million); and public universities reported \$2.758 billion collectively (an \$18 million decrease). Most fee money (94.6%) went to restricted funds. (15 ILCS 405/16.2; issued & rec'd April 2019; 16 pp. + 5 appendices)

Governor's Office of Management and Budget

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act annual report, 2019 (data for FY 2018)

In FY 2018, the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU) provided subject matter expertise to agencies to enhance implementation of the Act; promoted removal of the Act's sunset; developed an initial set of rules for the Act and took input from a public hearing; implemented a consolidated year-end financial report; and delivered to over 13,050 people 15 webinars and 48 trainings on federal Uniform Guidance and the Act. Staff also provided training on indirect cost rates and started developing an internal indirect cost rate election system for grantees. The Stop Payment List had 238 grantees added

since April 2017; the Catalog of State Financial Assistance had more than 28,000 active awards in FY 2018; and 5,100 grantees are “qualified” for FY 2019. GATU estimated it saved the state \$258 million in FY 2018, mostly from controls against fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement. The report describes obstacles realized and lessons learned during the year; and GATA’s 2019 focus. (30 ILCS 708/95; Jan. 2019, rec’d May 2019, 33 pp. + 4 appendices)

Human Services, Dept. of

Autism progress report, 2018

The report describes the work of the Autism Task Force and its progress in the following areas: (1) addressing early intervention services for children with autism; (2) enhancing family support mechanisms; (3) increasing adequate transition services; and (4) getting Section 1915c waivers. In 2018, the Task Force added 12 new members from diverse backgrounds. The Task Force’s insurance subcommittee worked with other advocates to support a Department of Healthcare and Family Services clarifying bulletin that says applied behavior analysis therapy can be covered by Medicaid. Also in 2018, the Task Force’s transition subcommittee focused on young adults (ages 23 to 26) with autism who are transitioning from high school to college or work. The Task Force’s early intervention subcommittee developed a

survey on diagnostic waiting lists and the challenges to providing services; the results are not yet available. As of 2017, the early intervention program had 13 board certified behavioral analysts or analyst candidates. In addition, the early intervention program sponsored several autism-specific training activities. (20 ILCS 1705/57; Jan. 2019, rec’d May 2019, 13 pp.)

Inspector General’s annual report on abuse and neglect of adults with disabilities, FY 2018

The Office of the Inspector General received 3,874 allegations of neglect or abuse in FY 2018. The Office’s actions that year included closing 3,398 allegation investigations; finding 371 allegations substantiated; recommending administrative action in 1,091 cases; making unannounced visits and recommendations to all 14 DHS mental health or developmental disabilities facilities; referring 78 facility or community agency employees to IDPH’s Health Care Worker Registry due to substantiated allegations; and providing training and certification to facility and community agency staff. The Office also received 219 reports of deaths of individuals who were or had been receiving services in facility or community agency programs; and it closed 190 death cases, 11 of which had substantiated

neglect. (20 ILCS 1305/1-17(v); Nov. 2018, rec’d May 2019, 35 pp.)

Supportive Housing Program annual report, FY 2018

Services provided (such as alcohol and drug abuse counseling, mental health programs, transportation, advocacy, child care, and case management) help low-income families live in community transitional or permanent housing. Support went to 8,908 persons (including 2,818 children) in 5,718 households, costing \$15.6 million. Services and recipient demographic data are listed. (305 ILCS 5/12-4.5; undated, rec’d April 2019, 20 pp.)

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

Annual report, 2018

In 2018, JCAR reviewed 403 rulemakings: 337 general; 40 emergency; 14 exempt; 9 required; and 3 preemptory rulemakings. The report lists and summarizes notable rulemakings on which JCAR took action and laws and bills related to rulemaking. It summarizes JCAR’s review of ADA procedures; review of Freedom of Information Act rules; and complaint review program (including court decisions). The report provides histories of JCAR actions and general rulemaking by agency. (5 ILCS 100/5-140; Feb. 2019, rec’d May 2019, 71 pp.)

Labor Relations Board

Illinois Police Training Act semi-annual report, Jan.-June 2019

The Board had no verified complaints, investigations, hearings, or officers decertified under the Police Training Act. (50 ILCS 705/6.1(r); issued and rec'd July 2019, 1 p.)

Public Health, Dept. of

Long-term care facility annual report, 2019 (2018 data)

Illinois had 1,111 long-term care facilities in 2018 (down from 1,126 facilities in 2017). The Central Complaint Registry hotline processed 8,394 complaints of abuse, neglect, assault, and other allegations in 2018 (up from 7,641 in 2017). Among all allegations (13,545), IDPH found 3,133 valid. There were 571 licensure violations, including 4 "AA" (most serious; down from 8 in 2017); 104 "A" (same as in 2017); and 264 "B" (down from 288 in 2017). (210 ILCS 45/3-804 and 30/6; issued and rec'd July 2019, 62 pp. + appendices)

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Advisory Committee annual report, 2019

Since its 2016 inception, the Committee has met 18 times and has made recommendations on an appropriate standard definition of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) and a uniform process for identifying NAS. Recommendations for guidelines and programs to improve outcomes of pregnancies with respect

to NAS include: universal screening, brief intervention, referral, and treatment for substance use among pregnant women. The Committee also agreed on protocols for training hospital personnel in implementing methods of NAS-newborn management. (20 ILCS 2310/677(e); issued and rec'd Mar. 2019, 32 pp.)

State Board of Education

Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Elementary and Secondary Education: Progress Report, 2019

The Boards' seven goals include: (1) all kindergartners assessed for readiness, (2) 90% or more of third-graders reading at grade level, (3) 90% or more of fifth-graders meeting math expectations, (4) 90% of ninth-graders on track to graduate with cohort, (5) 90% of students graduating from high school ready for college and career, (6) students supported by highly prepared, effective teachers and schools, and (7) every school offering a safe, healthy environment for students. The report includes key focus areas and a summary of progress on the seven goals. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.47a(b), June 2019, rec'd July 2019, 53 pp.)

Special education spending and receipts, FY 2018

The report lists each school district's special education spending; receipts from local, state, and federal sources; and net education spending exceeding such receipts, based

on districts' FY 2018 financial reports. FY 2018 net special education spending per child was \$4,158. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.145; issued & rec'd April 2019; 17 pp. + 2 appendices)

State Police, Dept. of

Juvenile charge report, April-June 2019

The Department received 6,269 juvenile charge reports: 554 ordinance violations; 251 petty offenses; 3,082 misdemeanors; 1,758 Class 1 to Class 4 felonies; 171 Class X felonies; and 13 murders. Some 440 were unknown and/or not identified. By gender 4,939 were male and 1,328 were female (plus 2 unknown). By race, 3,931 were African American; 1,252 white; 1,015 Hispanic; 29 Asian; 1 American Indian; and 41 unidentified. The report also lists age at arrest and disposition, and total charges by county. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355; issued & rec'd Jul. 2019, 4 pp.)

Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of
Semi-annual report, Jan.-June 2019

The report lists the number of staff employed in providing direct patient care at the four state veterans' homes (Anna, LaSalle, Manteno, and Quincy). Each facility had sufficient staff to meet the standard of 2.5 hours of care per day set by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (20 ILCS 2805/2.07; June 2019, rec'd July 2019, 2 pp.)

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