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Aging, Dept. on; Healthcare and Family Services, Human Services, and Public Health, Depts. of

Annual report on serving minority seniors, FY 2018

The report profiles each agency's programs for the minority elderly. The Department on Aging provided services under the Older Americans Act to over 498,000 persons age 60+. The Department of Human Services served about 566,338 persons age 65+ under SNAP, TANF, and other programs. Minority participation in such programs by type and region are listed. The Department provided mental health services to 2,726 persons age 65+, of whom at least 19% were minorities. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services paid \$6.58 billion for 72.6 million services under Medicaid in FY 2018; 29.6% of services and 24.6% of expenditures were for the elderly. Minority

elderly received 39.1% of elderly services and 36.6% of elderly expenditures. The Department of Public Health funded and oversaw programs, focused on minority communities, addressing AIDS and HIV, refugee health, suicide, Alzheimer's, tobacco use, and women's health. The report includes hospital and emergency room discharge data and death statistics. (20 ILCS 105/4.06; Sept. 2019, rec'd Feb. 2020, 47 pp.)

Auditor General, Office of the Chicago Transit Authority Retiree Health Care Trust, 2019

An annual review of CTA health care trust funding showed that projected income plus assets (\$941.0 million) exceeded projected benefits (\$730.3 million), so no benefit cuts or contribution increases were needed. (30 ILCS 5/3-2.3(b); Dec. 2019, rec'd Feb. 2020, 10 pp. + appendix)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

African American Employment Plan, 2020 (for FY 2019)

At the end of FY 2019, 21.7% of state employees under the Personnel Code were African American. About 12.7% of Illinois' available labor market is African American. African Americans represented 23.8% of new hires, and 27.3% of employees in supervisory, technical, or professional positions. The five agencies employing the highest numbers of African Americans were the Departments of Human Services (4,750), Corrections (1,613), Children & Family Services (964), Juvenile Justice (362), and Employment Security (318). African American participation in career development opportunities declined from 26% in FY 2018 to 18% in FY 2019; CMS suggests that agencies review their advancement programs to

ensure that all employees receive information, assistance, and encouragement. (20 ILCS 30/15(b); issued & rec'd Feb. 2020, 19 pp.)

Asian American Employment Plan, 2020 (for FY 2019)

At the end of FY 2019, 2.8% of state employees under the Personnel Code were Asian American. About 5.5% of Illinois' labor force is Asian American. Asian Americans represented 3.1% of new hires, and 4.2% of supervisory, technical, or professional positions. The five agencies employing the highest numbers of Asian Americans were the Departments of Human Services (611), Corrections (89), Innovation & Technology (85), Public Health (83), and Revenue (61). CMS recently launched a "diversity dashboard" allowing users to view statewide and agency employment demographic data. (20 ILCS 405/405-120; issued & rec'd Feb. 2020, 20 pp.)

Hispanic American Employment Plan, 2020 (for FY 2019)

At the end of the FY 2019, 6.6% of state employees under the Personnel Code were Hispanic, up 6.4% from FY 2018. About 16% of Illinois' labor market is Hispanic. Hispanics represented 7.5% of new hires, and 7.7% of employees in supervisory, technical, or professional positions. The five agencies employing the highest numbers of Hispanics were the Departments of Human Services

(1,299), Corrections (498), Children and Family Services (215), Employment Security (193), and Healthcare and Family Services (126). CMS continues outreach programs to increase state employment among Hispanics. (20 ILCS 405/40-120; issued & rec'd Feb. 2020, 20 pp.)

Native American Employment Plan, 2020 (for FY 2019)

In FY 2019, 0.5% of state employees under the Personnel Code were Native American. About 0.2% of Illinois' labor market is Native American. Native Americans represented 0.6% of new hires, and 0.5% of employees in supervisory, technical, or professional positions. The five agencies employing the highest numbers of Native Americans were the Departments of Corrections (69), Human Services (53), Public Health (15), Transportation (11), and Innovation & Technology (10). CMS plans to partner with the new Native American Employment Plan Advisory Council to identify particular agencies' opportunities for Native American employment. (20 ILCS 60/15(b); issued & rec'd Feb. 2020, 18 pp.)

Human Services, Dept. of
Youth Transitional Living Housing Program report, CYs 2018-2019

DHS is to report on numbers of homeless minors referred to youth transitional housing programs. A 2018 law allowed

homeless youth aged 16 to 18 to join such programs without parental consent in some cases, even if they are not emancipated. By November 2019, only one youth transitional housing license had been issued, in Cook County; the licensee did not serve any youths joining without parental consent during the reporting period. A provider told DHS that a barrier to licensure is a requirement that sleeping quarters of homeless youth be separate from those of any homeless adult residents. Separately, DHS' Emergency and Transitional Housing Program served 75 emancipated minors or unaccompanied youth in FY 2018 by providing beds, meals, and supportive services. (750 ILCS 30/2(g); Dec. 2019, rec'd Feb. 2020, 9 pp. + appendix)

Lottery, Dept. of the
Bilingual employees, 2020

The Department had 4 bilingual employees in 2020, all of whom spoke Spanish. The report includes position descriptions. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; March 2020, rec'd May 2020, 10 pp.)

State Board of Education
Educational mandates report, 2019

The report lists 27 new school mandates. Fifteen mandates had expected costs, which could not be estimated. Among other things, elementary schools must add a semester of civics education to the 6th-8th grade curriculum; schools must allow

nurses or administrators to administer medical cannabis-infused products to qualified students; and teacher salaries must be at least \$40,000 per year by 2023-24. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.104; March 2020, rec'd May 2020, 10 pp.)

School mandate waiver requests, spring 2020

The report summarizes 68 waiver requests transmitted to the General Assembly plus 12 approved and 14 withdrawn or returned, and classifies them by topic and General Assembly action and lists their statutes: administrative cost cap limit (20 transmitted to General Assembly, 3 withdrawn or returned); driver's education (2 approved, 4 transmitted to General Assembly); nonresident tuition (39 transmitted to General Assembly, 8 withdrawn or returned); physical education (1 transmitted to General Assembly, 2 withdrawn or returned); school improvement days (10 approved); and statement of affairs (4 transmitted to General Assembly, 1 withdrawn or returned). (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g; issued & rec'd Feb. 2020, 38 pp.)

Special education spending and receipts, FY 2019

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

FY 2019 financial reports. Delayed state payments have impacted districts' financial reports for the last several fiscal years. In FY 2019, districts received one delayed payment from FY 2018. Net special education spending per child in FY 2019 was \$5,035. Statewide net special education spending rose from \$1.4 billion in FY 2018 to \$1.8 billion in FY 2019. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.145; issued & rec'd May 2020, 28 pp + 2 appendices)

State Fire Marshal, Office of the

Annual report, 2019

The report gives information on arson investigations; boiler, pressure vessel, and elevator safety inspections; fire prevention and safety; Division of Petroleum and Chemical Safety; Division of Personnel Standards and Education; programs for public education and other management services; special programs, such as small firefighting and ambulance service equipment grant and revolving loan programs; technical services; advisory boards and commissions; and the Office's budget. It did 939 arson investigations; 45,584 boiler and pressure vessel inspections; and 1,425 school facility fire safety inspections. The Office continues to follow a 10-year strategic plan with four main goals, developed in 2018. (50 ILCS 740/13; Feb. 2020, rec'd March 2020, 20 pp.)

State Police, Dept. of

Metropolitan Enforcement Groups annual report, FY 2019

Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEGs) were authorized in 1977 to enforce state drug laws and investigate gang activity. Illinois has 9 MEGs covering 20 counties (including one Iowa county). They have 121 personnel—84 local officers, 22 state police, 10 federal officers, and 25 administrative staff. MEGs received \$1.17 million in funding in FY 2019. They opened 1,711 cases and closed 925 by arrest; 736 cases were administratively closed. MEGs arrested 92 gang members and seized 299 weapons. The report lists drugs seized and drugs arrests by type. It also includes statistics for each MEG. (30 ILCS 715/6; Dec. 2019, rec'd Feb. 2020, 36 pp.)

Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of

Discharged Servicemember Task Force annual report, 2016

The report gives an overview and policy recommendations in 4 areas: veteran treatment courts; military learning credit; definition of a veteran; and access to mental health care. The Task Force met four times in 2016. (20 ILCS 2805/20; undated, rec'd Feb. 2020, 11 pp. + 4 appendices)

Discharged Servicemember Task Force annual report, 2017

Public Act 100-10 (2017) dissolved the Task Force and transferred to the Illinois

Veterans' Advisory Council its responsibilities to study and report on the return to civilian life. This report summarizes all Task Force recommendations since inception, under categories of post-traumatic stress disorder; education; employment; homelessness and housing; women veterans; prosthetics; veteran treatment

courts; and other veteran issues. (20 ILCS 2805/20; undated, rec'd Feb. 2020, 23 pp.)

Resident grievance and communicable disease report, Jan.-June 2019

Residents at Illinois veterans' homes filed 74 grievances from January to June 2019. All were resolved. The report

also lists numbers and types of communicable diseases acquired by residents that needed antibiotic treatment. No epidemics were reported. (20 ILCS 2805/2.13(b); June 2019, rec'd Feb. 2020, 9 pp.)

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