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Auditor General, Office of the Chicago Transit Authority *employee retirement plan, 2020*

The Auditor General is required to annually review the CTA's retirement plan. The Auditor General concluded that the plan's assumptions were not unreasonable in the aggregate. The plan's funded ratio fell from 52.62% in 2019 to 52.55% in 2020. The employer contribution rate for 2021 was 20.647% and the employee contribution rate was 13.324%—both unchanged from 2020. (30 ILCS 5/3-2.3(e); Nov. 2020, rec'd Aug. 2021, 12 pp. + appendix)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

Bureau of Administrative Hearings annual report, FY 2021

The Bureau received 111 new requests for hearings from state agencies in FY 2021. Staff helped organize training on how to communicate effectively in a virtual hearing, and participated in a virtual

conference on best practices nationwide. The Bureau has two full-time administrative law judges in Springfield, and recommends the addition of a clerk. (Exec. Ord. 4 (2017); July 2021, rec'd Aug. 2021, 9 pp.)

Disabled Hiring Initiatives report, FY 2021

The 157 active participants in the Successful Disability Opportunities (SDO) Program are eligible for about 209 state position titles. As of July 1, employees with disabilities accounted for 4.9% of the state workforce, down 0.3% from the previous year. SDO hires rose to 58 in FY 2021, up from 15 in FY 2019, due primarily to a new law that requires the SDO list to be more widely publicized. CMS continues to promote and encourage hiring of persons with disabilities, including veterans with service-connected disabilities. The report also lists 10 strategic initiatives for the upcoming year. (20 ILCS

405/405-122; issued & rec'd Aug. 2021, 14 pp.)

Chief Procurement Office, Capital Development Board *Sole-source procurements, FY 2021*

The Chief Procurement Office for the CDB did not procure any contracts through sole source procurement in FY 2021. (30 ILCS 500/20-25(d), June 2021, rec'd Sept. 2021, 1 pp.)

Chief Procurement Office, Higher Education Institutions *Sole source procurements, FY 2020*

A total of 188 contracts totaling \$296.7 million were made by 15 higher education institutions through sole-source procurement. An additional 66 existing sole-source contracts (totaling \$82.5 million) were renewed, and 8 public hearings were requested and held. The report identifies contracts by type and institution. (30 ILCS 500/20-25(d); Aug. 2020, rec'd Aug. 2021, 31 pp.)

Commerce Commission*e-Docket privacy control, 2021*

The Commission reported no known breaches of personal information security through the electronic docket filing system (e-Docket) since the 2013 report. Efforts to cleanse the e-Docket system of personal information and establish corrective measures and controls were successful. (815 ILCS 530/25; issued & rec'd Oct. 2021, 1 p.)

International Cybersecurity Task Force report, 2018

The Task Force was created to study federal and other strategies relating to cybersecurity and cyberattacks. No members were appointed to the Task Force; but the Commerce Commission's Director of Cybersecurity and Risk Management submitted a report in lieu of the Task Force. The report summarizes instances in which malware was used in cyberattacks against infrastructure in the U.S., and describes federal recommendations to prevent future attacks. The report also recommends that Illinois businesses adopt a risk-based approach to cybersecurity that includes awareness, organizational competency, adopting best practices, and minimizing threats. (H.J.R. 59 (2017); Dec. 2018, rec'd Sept. 2021, 15 pp.)

Office of Retail Market Development annual report, 2021

As of May, 2021, ICC had certified 106 alternative suppliers for retail electric customers and licensed 429 agents, brokers, and consultants (ABCs). Some 1,800,773 customers received electric supply from alternative retail electric suppliers, down 5.3% from 2020. Electricity supplied to the market by alternative retail electric suppliers increased 6.4%. The report recommends that ICC be given authority to revoke ABC certificates. This report is a revised version of the original, with updates to some incorrect numbers. (220 ILCS 5/20-110; issued & rec'd Aug. 2021, 37 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of*Illinois Film Office quarterly report, April-June 2021*

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 5,658 crew, 659 production office, 1,039 talent, and 5,023 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2016.) According to the report, 32% of crew members were non-white and 19% were white females. Reported production spending was \$119.3 million (\$36 million commercial; \$81.1 million television; and \$2.3 million film). The office is not able to

track vendor jobs. It encourages educational opportunities for minorities to be trained for film and television work. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd Aug 2021, 2 pp.)

Live Theater Tax Credit report, April-June 2021

The report lists no live theater spending, production, or jobs brought to Illinois during the quarter. The required diversity assessment cannot be made since no credits were issued. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(b); undated, rec'd Aug. 2021, 1 p.)

Report to the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission, Sept. 2021

The report describes actions under the Restore Illinois plan for responding to COVID-19, including support for businesses, the workforce, local governments, and housing assistance. (1) For businesses: Applications are open for Back to Business grants, Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets grants, and Tourism Attractions & Festivals grants. (2) For the workforce: some of the second round of Child Care Restoration grants has been awarded (\$53.1 million to-date with \$76 million more coming soon); and DCEO was awarded \$5.9 million in federal funds for the Registered Apprenticeship Program Expansion. (3) For local governments: \$222.6 million has been paid to 946

local governments under the Local CURE program; and \$289.1 million of federal ARPA funds has been paid to Non-Entitlement Units. (4) For housing: IHDA approved 27,117 applications for Illinois Rental Payment Program funds (\$226 million); funding is available for the Rental Assistance Program; and the LIHEAP payment per household will rise from \$750 on average last year to \$1,000 this year. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045(c); issued and rec'd Sept. 2021, 8 pp.)

Report to the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission, Oct. 2021

The report describes actions under the Restore Illinois plan for responding to COVID-19, including support for businesses, the workforce, local governments, and housing assistance. (1) For businesses: DCEO has awarded \$36 million in Back to Business grants to 784 businesses; implemented 13 hubs as Community Navigators; opened applications for Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets grants; and awarded one Tourism Attractions & Festivals grant. (2) For the workforce: almost all of the third round of Child Care Restoration grants has been awarded (\$99.3 million to-date) and a fourth round will open soon; 25 apprenticeship grantees are acting as Navigators and Intermediaries for 203

apprentices, 54 programs, and 1,294 businesses new to the program; \$20 million was made available for the Job Training and Economic Development Program; and DCEO requested proposals for \$10 million to rebuild distressed communities. (3) For local governments: \$223.6 million has been paid to 954 local governments under the Local CURE program; and \$369.6 million of federal ARPA funds has been paid to 1,147 Non-Entitlement Units. (4) For housing: IHDA approved 52,921 applications for Illinois Rental Payment Program funds (\$481 million); the Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund program is waiting federal approval; IDHS has provided \$4 million in rental and utility assistance under the Rental Assistance Program; about \$30 million of LIHEAP funds have been distributed; and rules for the Low Income Households Water Assistance Program are being finalized. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045(c); issued & rec'd Oct. 2021, 9 pp.)

Complete Count Commission

Final report, 2020
Public Act 100-390 (2017) created the Commission to develop a strategy to increase participation in the 2020 federal decennial census. The report describes the Commission's efforts to educate Illinois residents about Census participation to avoid an undercount and obtain

maximum federal funding. (20 ILCS 5100/25; Feb. 2020, rec'd Sept. 2021, 24 pp. + 12 attachments)

Corrections, Dept. of
Quarterly report, Oct. 2020

On August 31, 2020, adult facilities had 31,178 residents—30% below bed space for 44,824. Projections were suspended due to Executive Order 2020-13. Nearly all inmates were double-celled (75%) or multi-celled (21%), with about 43 square feet each. The number of inmates per security staff was 3.5, and per total staff was 2.6. Adult transition centers had 216 residents—well below bed space for 906. August participation (a person enrolled in two programs would be counted twice) in educational programs was 3,475 (215 completed) and vocational programs was 687 (0 completed). In this quarter, there were 401 resolved instances of sexual misconduct by inmates, 228 assaults on staff, and 84 staff injuries from inmates. No current capital projects were funded. (730 ILCS 5/3-5-3.1; Oct. 2020, rec'd Aug. 2021, 19 tables)

Quarterly report, Jan. 2021

On November 30, 2020, adult facilities had 30,001 residents—34% below bed space for 44,824. Population projections were suspended due to Executive Order 2020-13.

Nearly all inmates were double-celled (76%) or multi-celled (20%), with about 43 square feet of living space each. The ratio of inmates to security staff was 3.4, and per total staff was 2.6. Adult transition centers had 174 of the residents—well below bed space for 906. November participation (a person enrolled in two programs would be counted twice) in educational programs was 3,580 (246 completed), and in vocational programs was 523 (0 completed). In this quarter, there were 250 resolved instances of sexual misconduct by inmates, 177 assaults on staff, and 71 staff injuries from inmates. No current capital projects were funded. (730 ILCS 5/3-5-3.1; Jan. 2021, rec'd Aug. 2021, 19 tables)

Quarterly report, Apr. 2021

On February 28, 2021, adult facilities had 28,277 residents—37% below bed space for 44,824. Population projections were suspended due to Executive Order 2020-13. Nearly all inmates were double-celled (78%) or multi-celled (18%), with about 43 square feet of living space each. The ratio of inmates to security staff was 3.2, and per total staff was 2.5. Adult transition centers had 193 of the residents—well below bed space for 906. February participation (a person enrolled in two programs would be counted twice) in educational programs

was 2,857 (354 completed), and in vocational programs was 497 (7 completed). In this quarter, there were 332 resolved instances of sexual misconduct by inmates, 150 assaults on staff, and 71 staff injuries from inmates. No current capital projects were funded. (730 ILCS 5/3-5-3.1; Apr. 2021, rec'd Aug. 2021, 31 tables)

Quarterly report, July 2021

On May 31, 2021, adult facilities had 27,411 residents—39% below bed space for 44,824. Population projections were suspended due to Executive Order 2020-13. Nearly all inmates were double-celled (79%) or multi-celled (17%), with about 43 square feet of living space each. The ratio of inmates to security staff was 3.1, and per total staff was 2.3. Adult transition centers had 302 of the residents—well below bed space for 906. February participation (a person enrolled in two programs would be counted twice) in educational programs was 2,670 (224 completed), and in vocational programs was 528 (89 completed). In this quarter, there were 315 resolved instances of sexual misconduct by inmates, 165 assaults on staff, and 76 staff injuries from inmates. No current capital projects were funded. (730 ILCS 5/3-5-3.1; July 2021, rec'd Aug. 2021, 21 tables)

Criminal Justice Information Authority

Annual report, FY 2020

The Authority administered 24 federal and state grant programs in FY 2020, including Victims of Crime Act grants (\$71.5 million); Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program grants (\$5.6 million); and Violence Against Women Act grants (\$4.4 million). It administers Adult Redeploy Illinois and the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew program (using cannabis tax revenue to reduce gun violence and improve outcomes for persons in the criminal justice system). The report also lists reports and articles published by the Authority in FY 2020. (20 ILCS 3930/7; April 2021, rec'd Aug. 2021, 39 pp.)

Environmental Protection Agency

Statewide Materials

Management Advisory

Committee report, 2021

The Committee was established to create landfill diversion goals and evaluate the state of waste, recycling, and organics management opportunities in Illinois. The Committee met 17 times and created subcommittees to accomplish its objectives. The Committee recommended statewide landfill diversion targets of 40% by 2025; 45% by 2030; and 50% by 2035. Currently, the landfill diversion rate is

37%. Other recommendations include: appropriating funds to support statewide recycling and composting grant programs; enhancing state support for household hazardous waste collections; and developing a data management system to track and map landfill diversion opportunities available to the public. (415 ILCS 15/4.5(i); July 2021, rec'd Sept. 2021, 69 pp.)

Labor Relations Board

Illinois Police Training Act semi-annual report, Jan.-June 2021

The Board had no verified complaints, investigations, hearings, or officers decertified under the Police Training Act. (50 ILCS 705/6.1(r); issued & rec'd Aug. 2021, 1 p.)

Public Health, Dept. of

Breast reconstruction and prostheses options and education program, FYs 2018 to 2019

The Department of Public Health (IDPH) partners with other agencies and public universities to raise awareness of breast reconstruction and prostheses options, especially among patients of racial and ethnic minority groups. IDPH and its partners created a bilingual education card describing the mammogram process, and provided information through conferences, webinars, trainings, and IDPH's website. Due to COVID-19 related

staffing issues, the report does not include statistics on how often breast and cervical cancer educational materials have been viewed on IDPH's website. (20 ILCS 2310/2310-670(e); May 2021, rec'd Aug. 2021, 6 pp.)

Public Health, Dept. of

Opioid overdose semiannual report, 2020 final data

Opioid overdose deaths among Illinois residents increased 32.7% from 2,219 in 2019 to 2,944 in 2020. Deaths have been trending upward since 2013, but 2020 saw the largest annual increase over that time. The highest number of opioid fatalities in 2020 occurred among non-Hispanic whites (1,530). Non-Hispanic blacks had the highest fatality rate at 55.3 per 100,000. In 2020, Winnebago County had the highest opioid fatality rate in the state at 45.8 deaths per 100,000. Synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, are the leading cause of fatal drug overdose statewide. (210 ILCS 85/6.14g(d); issued & rec'd Aug. 2021, 8 pp.)

State Board of Education

Administration of undesignated asthma medication, 2020-21 school year

There were 20 reports of schools administering asthma medication from a stock supply; all but one of the doses were administered to students. Medication was administered by a dose inhaler in all but two cases. (105 ILCS 5/22-30(j);

issued and rec'd Sept. 2021, 2 pp.)

English Learners in Illinois, school year 2018-19

School districts enrolled over 255,000 English Learner students in school year 2018-19. Some 578 districts implemented a Transitional Bilingual Education program, and 471 districts offered a Transitional Program of Instruction. Over 7,000 teachers hold a bilingual endorsement in Spanish and 15,055 hold an English as a Second Language endorsement (teachers may have multiple endorsements). Some 87% of English learners were enrolled in schools in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, or Will County. Spanish is the most common language spoken by English Learner students (72%), followed by Arabic (4%) and Polish (3%). English learners are primarily found in grades K-4. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.39; issued and rec'd Aug. 2021, 13 pp.)

Schools administering undesignated opioid antagonist, school year 2020-21

There were no reports of schools administering an opioid antagonist (antidote) from a stock supply in the 2020-21 school year. (105 ILCS 5/22-30(j); issued and rec'd Sept. 2021, 2 pp.)

School mandate waiver requests, fall 2021

The report summarizes 67 waiver requests transmitted

to the General Assembly, plus 22 withdrawn or returned and 14 approved. Topics include: administrative cost cap limitation (6 transmitted to the General Assembly); bonds (2 denied, and both districts have appealed the denials); competency-based education (1 approved); driver's education (4 approved, 8 transmitted to the General Assembly, and 8 withdrawn or returned); in-service days (1 withdrawn or returned); non-resident tuition (49 transmitted to the General Assembly and 12 withdrawn or returned); physical education (2 transmitted to the General Assembly and 1 withdrawn or returned); and school improvement (9 approved). (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g; issued and rec'd Sept. 2021, 24 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

Gun Trafficking Information Act compliance report, 2021

The Act requires the ISP to provide key information related to firearms used in the commission of crimes, but the ISP has been unable to identify a data collection tool capable of capturing the detailed data required by the Act. It is going to establish data definitions to provide consistency among Illinois law enforcement agencies, and will work with other agencies to implement new data collection and reporting. (5 ILCS 830/10-5(a); June 2021, rec'd Oct 2021, 4 pp.)

Expungement Backlog

Accountability Law annual report, 2021

The law requires the ISP to report several statistics on petitions to seal or expunge an individual's criminal history. The report has that information. In FY 2021, the ISP received 11,147 petitions to expunge (it objected to 1) and 2,987 petitions to seal (0 objected). It received 28,408 orders to expunge (26,629 were entered by the ISP) and 6,279 orders to seal (5,963 entered). Some 2,095 orders to expunge or seal were not entered as of June 30 of the previous fiscal year. The ISP received \$394,458 in fees under the Act. (20 ILCS 2630/14(a); July 2021, rec'd Sept. 2021, 2 pp.)

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