

## National Rightward Swing is Muted in Illinois

National election results strongly favored Republicans in November, but Illinois voters sent mixed signals. Republicans gained seats in both houses of the General Assembly, but fewer than some expected. Republicans also picked up seats in the Illinois delegation to Congress. Democrats kept the Governorship and the offices of Attorney General and Secretary of State.

Republicans did return to statewide executive office, with former Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka elected Comptroller and Senator Dan Rutherford winning the Treasurer's office.

Illinois Republicans saw a net gain of 6 House and 2 Senate seats. The 97th General Assembly will be under Democratic control, but with narrower majorities than currently: 64-54 in the House and 35-24 in the Senate.

House Democrats did take one Republican seat, as Daniel Biss defeated Hamilton Chang to replace retiring Representative Elizabeth Coulson in the 17th House District. Five incumbent Democrats were defeated, including 10-term incumbent Jay Hoffman and 8-term incumbent Michael Smith.

Republican Suzi Schmidt defeated Sen. Michael Bond to retake a seat long held by Republican Adeline Geo-Karis; and Republican Sam McCann defeated Sen. Deanna Demuzio to take a seat long held by Democrats Vince or Deanna Demuzio. But Democrats did keep two targeted incumbents, with Senators John Mulroe and Toi Hutchinson defeating Republican challengers. Two former Republican legislators (Sen. Steven Rauschenberger and Rep. Ruth Munson) lost bids to retake their former seats.

The U.S. Senate seat currently held by Sen. Roland Burris will go to U.S. Representative Mark Kirk, who won elections to serve the remaining weeks of that term (originally held by President Barack Obama) and a new 6-year term.

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Republicans gained 4 seats in Illinois' U.S. House delegation, which will have 11 Republicans and 8 Democrats. Republicans kept the only seat whose incumbent did not seek re-election: Robert Dold (R) will take the House seat now held by Senator-elect Kirk. Four incumbent U.S. House Democrats lost re-election bids.

A statewide referendum on adding a provision allowing gubernatorial recall to the Illinois Constitution was approved by over 65%.

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# Biographies of New House Members



**Daniel Biss (D-17th, Chicago)** has an A.B. from Harvard and a Ph. D. in mathematics from MIT. He has been an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the University of Chicago, and a policy advisor in the Governor's office. He also has been the president of the Democratic Party of Evanston. He is now a director of the Indo-American Democratic Organization; a member of the steering committee of Our Climate Matters; and a member of the Evanston Environment Board. He serves as a volunteer teacher and curriculum developer at the North Lawndale College Prep High School in Chicago.



**Adam Brown (R-101, Decatur)** is a graduate of Richland Community College and the University of Illinois. He was the youngest person ever elected to the Decatur City Council, at age 23, and has been honored by the Illinois Junior Chamber International Senate for exemplary government service. He is also a family farmer.



**Kelly Burke (D-36, Evergreen Park)** has a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a law degree from John Marshall Law school. She is a lawyer for Saint Xavier University, where she helps obtain funding for university and local projects. She formerly practiced law privately and was a legislative aide to former State Representative Andrew McGann. She is the President of the Evergreen Park Public Library board, and has been a youth sports coach and founder of a Mock Trial program for junior high students.



**Bill Cunningham (D-35, Chicago)** has a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He served for 20 years in the Cook County Sheriff's office, where he was Director of Communications to Sheriff Mike Sheahan and Chief of Staff to Sheriff Tom Dart. He has also served on the Sutherland Local School Council and coached a youth soccer team.



**Anthony DeLuca (D-80, Chicago Heights)** was appointed in 2009, and has now been elected. A graduate of Elmhurst College, he served as President of Bloom Township High School District 206, and as Chicago Heights' Mayor from 2003 to 2009. He is the director of operations for Skyline Disposal, a family business. His committee assignments are to the House Committee on Business Occupational Licenses; Mass Transit; Tollway Oversight; and Tourism & Conventions.



**Robyn Gabel (D-18, Evanston)** was appointed in April after Representative Julie Hamos became Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and has now been elected. She has a B.A. from Beloit College, an M.S.P.H. from the University of Illinois at Chicago's School of Public Health, and an M.J. in Health Law from Loyola University of Chicago. From 1988 to 2010 she was the Executive Director of the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition. She is currently on the board of the Campaign for Better Health Care, and a member of the Illinois Commission on the Elimination of Poverty.



**David Harris (R-66, Arlington Heights)** served in the House of Representatives from 1983 through 1992. He then became the Senior Vice President of the Illinois Hospital Association. In 1999 he was appointed as Illinois' Adjutant General with command of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard. After retiring with the rank of Major General, he served with the U.S. Department of State as Deputy Director and Chief of Staff of the Iraq Construction Management Office which helped in rebuilding Iraq.



**Chad Hays (R-104, Catlin)** is a graduate of Danville Area Community College and Southern Illinois University. He was Mayor of Catlin for 8 years, and chaired the Vermilion County Mayor's Council for 7 years. He is currently Vice President of Development & Mission Services at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center in Danville. He also serves on a number of civic and charitable boards.



**Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr. (D-114, East St. Louis)** was appointed in 2009, and has now been elected. He has a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in city planning from SIU—Edwardsville. He has served as a high school science teacher and elementary and middle school principal, and as a member the East St. Louis city council. His committee assignments are to the House Committees on Consumer Protection (vice-chairperson); Affordable Alzheimer's Services; Appropriations—Elementary and Secondary Education; Appropriations—Human Services; and Health Care Licenses.



**Thaddeus Jones (D-29, Calumet City)** has a bachelor's degree from Loyola University. He is serving his fourth term as alderman in Calumet City, and currently chairs its Ordinance and Resolutions Committee. He has also been a member of the Calumet City Library Board, and a student trustee of South Suburban College. His Jones Foundation awards 10 scholarships per year to local high school students, and provides counseling programs for persons affected by domestic abuse or HIV.



**Dwight Kay (R-112, Glen Carbon)** has a bachelor's degree from Taylor University in Indiana. A career employee of Cassens Transport, which transports new automobiles from numerous manufacturers to dealers, he has been Vice President since 1995. He is a former chairman of the National Automobile Transporters Association's Claims Council. He was the finance or campaign chairman for Illinois Supreme or Appellate Court candidates in 2004 and 2006.



**Camille Lilly (D-78, Chicago)** was appointed in April after Representative Deborah Graham became a Chicago alderman, and has now been elected. She is the Vice President for External Affairs and Development at Loretto Hospital, and formerly was Vice President of BethAnneLife Centre at Bethel New Life and Executive Director of the Austin Chamber of Commerce. She is studying for an executive MBA degree at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.



**Rita Mayfield (D-60, Waukegan)** was appointed in July to replace the late Representative Eddie Washington, and has now been elected. She has a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Columbia College and a master's in Management and Organization Behavior from Benedictine University. She is currently a Workforce Development Manager, overseeing 10 worksites and over 800 severely disabled employees. She has served as Vice President of the Waukegan Board of Education, is a member of the Waukegan Schools Foundation Board, and currently volunteers as a financial instructor for Habitat for Humanity.



**Tom Morrison (R-54, Palatine)** has a bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College in Michigan. He has been a broadcast journalist, and taught for 6 years at the Christian Liberty Academy in Arlington Heights. More recently he entered the fire and water cleanup and restoration business with his brother; they currently own locations serving Elk Grove Village and Palatine-Rolling Meadows. He has also been active for several years as a volunteer for Republican and independent candidates.



**Rich Morthland (R-71, Cordova)** is a graduate of St. Ambrose University and has a master's degree from Denver Seminary. He and his wife raise a large herd of cattle on his family farm. He also serves on the Rock Island County board. He teaches communication courses at Black Hawk College, and also teaches at Scott Community College and Ashford University in Iowa.



**Michelle Mussman (D-56, Schaumburg)** has a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati. She has served as local PTA president and treasurer, and has been active in the Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs, which consists of 27 PTAs in the Schaumburg school district.



**Chris Nybo (R-41, Elmhurst)** has a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from the University of Chicago. A former law clerk for Judge James B. Zagel of the U.S. District Court in Chicago, he now practices employment law at Vedder Price P.C. He has been a member of the Elmhurst City Council since 2007, and currently is the vice chairman of the Public Affairs & Safety Committee.



**Sue Rezin (R-75, Morris)** has a bachelor's degree from Augustana College. She has managed her family's real estate business for 15 years, and been a member of the Morris Hospital Foundation board for 13 years (currently serving as Vice President). She also serves on the boards of the Community Foundation of Greater Grundy County and We Care of Grundy County. Her other volunteer service has included work for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois for 20 years, and being a volleyball coach for 12 years.



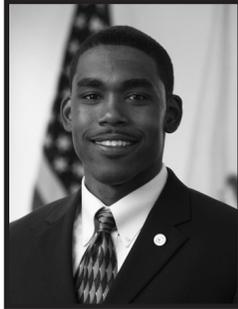
**Wayne Rosenthal (R-98, Morrisonville)** has a bachelor's degree from Sangamon State University (now University of Illinois at Springfield), and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons Instructor Course and Undergraduate Navigator Training. He spent 18 years as a Weapons Systems Operator in the F-4 Phantom, and was the 170th Fighter Squadron Commander, retiring from the Illinois Air National Guard as 183rd Logistics Group Commander with the rank of Brigadier General. He was a member of the Morrisonville Community School Board from 1992 to 1998, and currently serves on the Lincoln Land Community College board of trustees. He also has operated a family grain farm for the last 20 years.



**Carol Sente (D-59, Vernon Hills)** was appointed in September 2009 to replace Representative Kathleen Ryg, and has now been elected. She is the President and Managing Partner of SRBL Architects in Deerfield, and has been Vice President of the Vernon Hills Park District board. Her community activities include being a youth counselor for several years at a camp that helps children coping with grief. Her House assignments are to the Committees on Aging; Appropriations—Human Services; Cities & Villages; Disability Services; and Renewable Energy.



**Joe Sosnowski (R-69, Rockford)** is a graduate of Northern Illinois University, and served as a DeKalb alderman after graduation. After moving to Rockford, he was elected an alderman in 2005, and now chairs the City Planning and Development Committee of its city council. He has a real estate license and has been active in real estate management and leasing. He is also the Director of Institutional Advancement at Rockford Christian Schools, and a regional board member of Children's Home and Aid.



**Arthur Turner (D-9, Chicago)** is a graduate of Morehouse College and Southern Illinois University School of Law. After serving as a community organizer, he began work with the Illinois Housing Development Authority. He also is a mentor for juveniles, and volunteers with a free legal clinic in the Lawndale Community.



**Michael Unes (R-91, East Peoria)** graduated from Bradley University. He is the Director of Recruitment and Network Administrator for a large locally-based accounting firm in East Peoria. He also serves on the East Peoria city council as Accounts and Finance Commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem, and has served on several East Peoria or greater Peoria civic organizations. Working with the Rotary Club, he began a literacy campaign to connect low-income children with East Peoria business leaders.



**Ann M. Williams (D-11, Chicago)** graduated from the University of Iowa and Drake University Law School. She was an Assistant Attorney General from 2003 to 2007, serving as Legislative Director for the office. She currently practices municipal law. She is on the board of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, and is a former board member of Personal PAC.

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## Biographies of New Senate Members



**Toi Hutchinson (D-40, Olympia Fields)** was appointed to the Senate in 2009, and has now been elected. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and attended the Executive Management Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She served as Olympia Fields' Village Clerk from 2002 to 2006, and was Senator Debbie Halvorson's Chief of Staff. Her Senate assignments are to the Committees on State Government & Veterans Affairs (Vice-Chairperson); Agriculture and Conservation; Labor; and Local Government.



**Sam McCann (R-49, Carlinville)** attended Lewis and Clark Community College and Blackburn College. The owner of McCann Construction Company, he has served on the Boards of Directors and Executive Committees of the National Association of Home Builders and the Home Builders Association of Illinois, and was President of HBAI in 2007. He has also served on the General Assembly's Joint Task Force for Indoor Air Quality and on the Advisory Board for the Illinois Department of Health's Division of Environmental Health.



**Kyle McCarter (R-51, Lebanon)** was appointed to the Senate in 2009, and has now been elected. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Oral Roberts University; operates small businesses in Lebanon; and served for 8 years on the St. Clair County Board. He has been a member of the board of directors of the O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce; chaired its Economic Development Committee from 2004 to 2008; and was its president from 2005 to 2007. His committee assignments are to the Senate Commerce (minority spokesperson); Agriculture and Conservation; Education; Financial Institutions; Licensed Activities; and State Government & Veterans' Affairs Committees.



**John Mulroe (D-10, Chicago)** was appointed to the Senate in August to replace retiring Senator James DeLeo, and has now been elected. He is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago and of its law school. He prosecuted criminal cases for 6 years in the Cook County State's Attorney's office, and has since practiced law privately. Other legal service has been as a hearing officer for the city of Chicago and the Chicago Park District, and an arbitrator in the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program. He has also volunteered for several educational or civic organizations, and coached several youth athletic teams.



**Suzi Schmidt (R-31, Lake Villa Township)** has a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. She has served on the Lake County Board since 1988, and chaired it since 2000. She is also a member of several other local or civic organizations, including being President of Metro Counties and a member of the Lake County University Center board and of the Lake County Municipal League's Executive Committee. She has also been a Lake County Forest Preserve commissioner since 1988.

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# Persons Elected or Continuing in the Senate

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## New Members (2)

### District

- 31 Suzi Schmidt (R)
- 49 Sam McCann (R)

## Appointed to 96th General Assembly, elected to 97th General Assembly (3)

### District

- 10 John Mulroe (D)
- 40 Toi Hutchinson (D)
- 51 Kyle McCarter (R)

## Incumbents (54)

### District

- 1 Antonio “Tony” Muñoz (D)
- 2 William Delgado (D)
- 3 Mattie Hunter (D)
- 4 Kimberly A. Lightford (D)
- 5 Rickey R. Hendon (D)
- 6 John J. Cullerton (D)
- 7 Heather Steans (D)
- 8 Ira I. Silverstein (D)
- 9 Jeffrey M. “Jeff” Schoenberg (D)
- 11 Louis S. Viverito (D)
- 12 Martin A. Sandoval (D)
- 13 Kwame Raoul (D)
- 14 Emil Jones, III (D)
- 15 James T. Meeks (D)
- 16 Jacqueline Y. “Jacqui” Collins (D)
- 17 Donne E. Trotter (D)
- 18 Edward D. Maloney (D)
- 19 M. Maggie Crotty (D)
- 20 Iris Y. Martinez (D)

- 21 Dan Cronin (R)\*
- 22 Michael Noland (D)
- 23 Carole Pankau (R)
- 24 Kirk W. Dillard (R)
- 25 Chris Lauzen (R)
- 26 Dan Duffy (R)
- 27 Matt Murphy (R)
- 28 John J. Millner (R)
- 29 Susan Garrett (D)
- 30 Terry Link (D)
- 32 Pamela Althoff (R)
- 33 Dan Kotowski (D)
- 34 Dave Syverson (R)
- 35 J. Bradley “Brad” Burzynski (R)
- 36 Mike Jacobs (D)
- 37 Dale Risinger (R)
- 38 Gary G. Dahl (R)
- 39 Don Harmon (D)
- 41 Christine Radogno (R)
- 42 Linda Holmes (D)
- 43 Arthur J. “AJ” Wilhelmi (D)
- 44 Bill Brady (R)
- 45 Tim Bivins (R)
- 46 David Koehler (D)
- 47 John M. Sullivan (D)
- 48 Randall M. “Randy” Hultgren (R)<sup>Δ</sup>
- 50 Larry K. Bomke (R)
- 52 Michael Frerichs (D)
- 53 Dan Rutherford (R)<sup>†</sup>
- 54 John O. Jones (R)
- 55 Dale A. Righter (R)
- 56 William R. “Bill” Haine (D)
- 57 James F. Clayborne, Jr. (D)
- 58 David S. Luechtefeld (R)
- 59 Gary F. Forby (D)

\* Dan Cronin won was elected DuPage County Board Chairman  
Δ Randall M. “Randy” Hultgren was elected to a U.S. House seat  
† Dan Rutherford was elected Illinois Treasurer

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# Persons Elected to the House

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## New Members (18)

### District

9	Arthur Turner (D)
11	Ann Williams (D)
17	Daniel Biss (D)
29	Thaddeus Jones (D)
35	Bill Cunningham (D)
36	Kelly Burke (D)
41	Chris Nybo (R)
54	Thomas “Tom” Morrison (R)
56	Michelle Mussman (D)
66	David Harris (R)
69	Joe Sosnowski (R)
71	Richard Morthland (R)
75	Sue Rezin (R)
91	Michael Unes (R)
98	Wayne Rosenthal (R)
101	Adam Brown (R)
104	Chad Hays (R)
112	Dwight Kay (R)

## Appointed to 96th General Assembly, elected to 97th General Assembly (6)

### District

18	Robyn Gabel (D)
59	Carol Sente (D)
60	Rita Mayfield (D)
78	Camille Lilly (D)
80	Anthony DeLuca (D)
114	Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr. (D)

## Incumbents (94)

### District

1	Susana A. Mendoza (D)
2	Edward Acevedo (D)
3	Luis Arroyo (D)
4	Cynthia Soto (D)
5	Kenneth “Ken” Dunkin (D)
6	Esther Golar (D)
7	Karen A. Yarbrough (D)
8	LaShawn K. Ford (D)
10	Annazette R. Collins (D)
12	Sara Feigenholtz (D)
13	Gregory Harris (D)
14	Harry Osterman (D)
15	John C. D’Amico (D)
16	Louis I. Lang (D)
19	Joseph M. Lyons (D)
20	Michael P. McAuliffe (R)
21	Michael J. Zalewski (D)
22	Michael J. Madigan (D)
23	Daniel J. “Dan” Burke (D)
24	Elizabeth Hernandez (D)
25	Barbara Flynn Currie (D)
26	Will Burns (D)
27	Monique D. Davis (D)
28	Robert “Bob” Rita (D)
30	William “Will” Davis (D)
31	Mary E. Flowers (D)
32	André Thapedi (D)
33	Marlow H. Colvin (D)
34	Constance A. “Connie” Howard (D)
37	Kevin A. McCarthy (D)
38	Al Riley (D)
39	Maria Antonia “Toni” Berrios (D)
40	Deborah Mell (D)
42	Sandra M. Pihos (R)
43	Keith Farnham (D)
44	Fred Crespo (D)
45	Franco Coladipietro (R)
46	Dennis Reboletti (R)
47	Patricia R. “Patti” Bellock (R)

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## Incumbents (cont'd)

### District

48	Michael Connelly (R)	84	Tom Cross (R)
49	Timothy L. Schmitz (R)	85	Emily McAsey (D)
50	Kay Hatcher (R)	86	John C. “Jack” McGuire (D)
51	Ed Sullivan, Jr. (R)	87	Bill Mitchell (R)
52	Mark H. Beaubien, Jr. (R)	88	Daniel P. “Dan” Brady (R)
53	Sidney H. Mathias (R)	89	Jim Sacia (R)
55	Harry “Randy” Ramey, Jr. (R)	90	Gerald L. “Jerry” Mitchell (R)
57	Elaine Nekritz (D)	92	Jehan Gordon (D)
58	Karen May (D)	93	Jil Tracy (R)
61	JoAnn Osmond (R)	94	Richard P. Myers (R)
62	Sandy Cole (R)	95	Mike Fortner (R)
63	Jack D. Franks (D)	96	Darlene Senger (R)
64	Michael W. “Mike” Tryon (R)	97	Jim Watson (R)
65	Rosemary Mulligan (R)	99	Raymond Poe (R)
67	Charles E. “Chuck” Jefferson (D)	100	Rich Brauer (R)
68	Dave Winters (R)	102	Ron Stephens (R)
70	Robert W. “Bob” Pritchard (R)	103	Naomi D. Jakobsson (D)
72	Patrick J. Verschoore (D)	105	Shane Cultra (R)
73	David R. Leitch (R)	106	Keith P. Sommer (R)
74	Donald L. Moffitt (R)	107	John D. Cavaletto (R)
76	Frank J. Mautino (D)	108	David B. Reis (R)
77	Angelo “Skip” Saviano (R)	109	Roger L. Eddy (R)
79	Lisa Dugan (D)	110	Chapin Rose (R)
81	Renée Kosel (R)	111	Dan Beiser (D)
82	Jim Durkin (R)	113	Thomas “Tom” Holbrook (D)
83	Linda Chapa LaVia (D)	115	Mike Bost (R)
		116	Dan Reitz (D)
		117	John E. Bradley (D)
		118	Brandon W. Phelps (D)



Senate Chamber



House Chamber

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# Members Not Returning to Current Office

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## Senate Members Not Returning (8)

### District

10	James A. DeLeo (D), did not run *
21	Dan Cronin (R), elected DuPage County Board Chairman
31	Michael Bond (D)
40	Debbie Halvorson (D), elected to a U.S. House seat in 2008*
48	Randall M. “Randy” Hultgren (R), elected to a U.S. House seat
49	Deanna Demuzio (D)
51	Frank C. Watson (R), did not run *
53	Dan Rutherford (R), elected Illinois Treasurer

## House Members Not Returning (24)

### District

9	Arthur L. Turner (D), did not run
11	John A. Fritchey (D), did not run
17	Elizabeth Coulson (R), did not run
18	Julie Hamos (D), did not run*
29	David E. Miller, ran for Comptroller
35	John M. O’Sullivan (D), did not run†
36	Michael J. Carberry (D), did not run†
41	Robert A. “Bob” Biggins (R), did not run
54	Suzanne “Suzie” Bassi, (R), lost in primary
56	Paul D. Froehlich (D), did not run
59	Kathleen A. Ryg (D), did not run*
60	Eddie Washington (D), deceased*
66	Mark Walker (D)
69	Ronald A. Wait (R), did not run
71	Mike Boland (D), did not run
75	Caren M. Gordon (D)
78	Deborah L. Graham, did not run*
80	George F. Scully, Jr. (D), did not run*
91	Michael K. Smith (D)
98	Elizabeth “Betsy” Hannig (D), did not run†
101	Robert F. Flider (D)
104	William B. Black (R), did not run
112	Jay C. Hoffman (D)
114	Wyvetter H. Younge (D), elected but not seated in 96th General Assembly due to death

\* These members vacated their offices by resignation or death, and were replaced by appointed members before the November 2010 election.

† These persons were appointed to replace members of the 96th General Assembly who vacated office, but did not run in November 2010.

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# Abstracts of Reports Required to be Filed with General Assembly

The Legislative Research Unit staff is required to prepare abstracts of reports required to be filed with the General Assembly. Legislators may receive copies of entire reports by sending the enclosed form to the State Government Report Distribution Center at the Illinois State Library. Abstracts are published quarterly. Legislators who wish to receive them more often may contact the executive director.

## **Aging Dept.**

### *Older Adult Services Act report, 2010*

Describes history of Older Adult Services Act; lists activities under the Act and priority objectives for 2008; and lists Older Adult Services Advisory Committee recommendations. Accomplishments in 2009 include developing 22 standards for Coordinated Point of Entry sites; completing a study on Determination of Need and service costs; getting two federal grants for Lifespan Respite Services and improving point-of-entry sites; and getting rate increases for in-home and adult day services. (320 ILCS 42/15(c); Jan. 2010, 44 pp.)

## **Agriculture Dept.**

### *Agricultural areas annual report, 2009*

A total of 114,959 acres within 55 agricultural areas in 22 counties are protected. The largest, 9,637 acres, is in Jersey County. Has a map of agricultural areas and a table of acreage in each area and county. (505 ILCS 5/20.1, Dec; 2009, 4 pp.)

## **Arts Council**

### *Annual report, FY 2008*

Council supports nonprofit art organizations, community programs, governments, schools, universities, and individual artists with grants, technical assistance, and workshops. It awarded \$8.3 million in grants in FY 2008. Lists grants by House and Senate districts. (20 ILCS 3915/4; Dec. 2008, 112 pp.)

## **Central Management Services Dept.**

### *Disabled hiring initiative report, FY 2010*

Public Act 96-78 (2009) requires agencies in the executive branch to have programs to increase qualified disabled

employees in state government. Agencies hired 70 disabled persons in FY 2010; the largest number (31) were at Department of Employment Security. (20 ILCS 405/405-122; Sept. 2010, 7 pp.)

## **Commerce Commission**

### *Competition in Illinois retail electric markets, 2010*

Ten alternative retail electric suppliers (ARES) are certified to serve residential and small commercial customers. As of May 31, 2010, 53% of total electricity for ComEd's customers was provided by ARES, compared to 63.5% of Ameren IP's, 52.4% of AmerenCIPS's, and 59.5% of Ameren-CILCO's. Recommends eliminating or modifying minimum enrollment requirement for residential and small commercial customers who return from delivery services to an electric utility's bundled service. (220 ILCS 5/20-110; June 2010, 21 pp.)

### *Taylorville Energy Center Cost Report, 2010*

The proposed Center would be a "hybrid" integrated gasification-combined cycle generating plant designed to store carbon dioxide emissions in the ground. It would use coal to make a synthetic natural gas to generate electricity or be sold as natural gas. Construction cost would be \$3.5 billion. A further \$44 million may be needed to build a carbon dioxide sequestering facility if a third party cannot provide that service. Recommendations include further clarification of carbon sequestration plans and costs; firm construction schedule; finalization of

plant design; and determination of true generating capacity. (20 ILCS 3855/1-75(d)(4)(ii); Sept. 2010, 45 pp. + 4 attachments)

## **Commerce & Economic Opportunity Dept.**

### *Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) Tax Credit Program annual report, 2009*

The Program awards tax credits to eligible businesses to foster Illinois job creation and retention. Eligibility is based on capital investments and jobs created, but minimum may be waived if a business is in a distressed community or an area with limited economic development prospects; will generate spin-off business; or will avert loss of a major employer. Has profiles of 51 projects approved in 2009: 2,959 projected jobs created and 8,149 retained; \$740.3 million projected private investment. Also updates tax status of past projects that have received or lost tax credits. (20 ILCS 620/5(c); June 2010, 29 pp.)

### *High Impact Business designation*

The K4 Wind Farm is designated for up to 20 years as a Wind Energy and High Impact business qualifying for the building materials sales tax exemption for a facility in Kankakee, Irroquois, and Ford Counties. (20 ILCS 655/5.5(h); June 2010, 2 pp.)

### *Summary of results of Executive Order 2009-2*

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) were consolidated and transferred to Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. LIHEAP helps eligible low-income households pay for winter energy services. P.A. 96-33 (2009) created a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)—a mandatory program for low-income residential customers of utilities with over 100,000 retail customers. PIPP must be fully implemented by Sept. 1, 2011. Benefits are

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limited to \$1,800 a year and \$150 per month. IHWAP helps low-income persons by weatherizing their homes. As of April 2010, 10,718 weatherization projects were complete and 10,100 underway. (15 ILCS 15/11; April 2010, 5 pp.)

### **Community and Residential Services Authority**

*Annual report, FY 2009*

Over 23 years, CRSA has helped in service planning for 8,549 children and their families, and helped address several thousand service disputes. In FY 2009 it responded to 357 requests for assistance. Requests involved mental illness; Medicaid eligibility; children with behavioral disorders or developmental disabilities, or needing special education; and adoption services. FY 2009 spending was \$533,125. (105 ILCS 5/14-15.01(d)(3); undated, 23 pp.)

### **Comptroller**

*Receivables report, 2009*

Gross receivables due to state at 2009 yearend were \$12.9 billion, up \$373 million (2.8%) from 2008. Growth was due mainly to \$24 million more in child support claims and \$279 million in interest charges at Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Net receivables (estimated collectable) were \$2.2 billion, up \$167 million (8%) from 2008. Child support claims were the largest category (36%). Other categories include: interest and investment income (13%); taxes (12%); public assistance recoveries (9%); current loan and note repayments (4%); and contributions (1%). "Other receivables" (including licenses and fees, federal government reimbursements, and university activities), were 25% of total. Lists receivables by agency. (30 ILCS 210/4(d); March 2010, 28 pp.)

### **Corrections Dept.**

*Quarterly report, July 1, 2010*

On May 31, 2010, adult facilities had 47,150 residents—39% over rated

capacity of 33,934 and 3% over the 45,754 projected using FY 2009 data. Population is projected to rise to 46,047 by June 2011. Adult transition center population was 1,188 (108 over rated capacity). Average ratio of inmates to security staff was 6.2. Enrollment (unduplicated) in educational and vocational programs was 8,170. Nearly all inmates were double-celled (67%) or multi-celled (24%), with about 36 square feet of actual living area each. No capital projects are currently funded. (730 ILCS 5/3-5-3.1; July 2010, 11 pp.)

### **Deaf-Blind Services Advisory Board**

*Report for FYs 2008-2009*

The Board's 11 members met five times in 2 years. Accomplishments include coordinating Illinois Deaf-Blind Awareness week in 2009; working to support 9th International CHARGE Syndrome Conference in Chicago; working with Helen Keller National committee for Project Reach; expanding Board's Web site; and serving as an advisory committee for Project Reach. Recommends: Enacting a law allowing people to self-direct funds for their services and make service choices individually; adopting a standard definition of deaf-blindness for all state agencies; and including deaf-blindness as a separate category on state Prioritization of Unmet Needs Questionnaire. (105 ILCS 5/14-11.02; Sept. 2010, 8 pp. + 1 appendix)

### **Early Intervention Task Force**

*Report, 2010*

Part C Early Intervention Program helps assure that families with children up to 3 years with diagnosed disabilities or delays get resources and support for child's development. Part C gets federal funds. Recommends that Bureau of Early Intervention develop a Web-based data management system; review current service delivery for needed changes; improve recruitment, development, and retention of competent employees; convene a

working group to review current Child Find and Referral policies; coordinate a review of Illinois' current initial and annual eligibility criteria and eligibility determination; review current Assistive Technology service; and work to implement a comprehensive system of qualitative monitoring. (H.J.R 50 [2009]; June 2010, 16 pp.)

### **Education, State Board of**

*Catalogue of reports, 2010*

Board filed 19 reports with General Assembly in 2009. They included 2008 annual report and annual statistical report, plus reports on mandates and mandate waivers; "PreSchool for All" funding; charter schools; and school breakfast incentives. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.87; Jan. 2010, 6 pp.)

*Comprehensive Strategic Plan Progress Report, June 2010*

In 2005 ISBE created a 5-year plan to increase literacy, raise teacher quality, and expand management and school support practices. Efforts to implement the plan include a newly designed virtual school to provide on-line course options to students; tighter standards for teacher certification; and more funding for the fresh fruit and vegetable program. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.47a(b); June 2010, 24 pp.)

*Preschool for All funding, FY 2010*

Preschool for All program makes Illinois the first state to offer voluntary preschool to all 3- and 4-year-olds. Early Childhood Block Grant appropriation was cut from \$380.3 million in FY 2009 to \$342.2 million in 2010. No new programs were funded. State Board of Education administers preschool for All except in Chicago, where it is administered by Chicago Public Schools with the same criteria. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.71(a)(4.5); Nov. 2009, 9 pp.)

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### **Employment Security Dept.**

*Bilingual employees, April 2010*

State law requires each executive-branch agency to report on bilingual employees. On March 15, 2010 the Department had 150 front-line bilingual employees, who spoke Spanish (141), Polish (5), and Chinese (3). Gives names, position titles, and languages spoken. (5 ILCS 382/30-2; April 2010, 64 pp.)

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

*Mercury switch removal program, 2006-2009*

Automobile recyclers are required to remove mercury switches from scrapped vehicles. This was voluntary, but became mandatory in September 2008 when a 30% capture rate was not met in the second year of the program. An incentive fee of \$2 per switch is paid by automakers. About 26,500 switches were voluntarily removed in the first 2 years. Rate increased significantly after the fee was imposed, with 66,381 switches removed from mid-2008 to 2009 year-end. EPA recommends that program be extended through 2017 and fee be raised to \$3 per recaptured switch. (415 ILCS 97/25; Jan. 2010, 4 pp.)

### **Government Forecasting & Accountability Commission**

*Budget Summary for FY 2010*

The FY 2010 operating budget totaled almost \$54.3 billion, up \$1 billion (1.8%) from FY 2009's enacted budget. The Governor vetoed \$12.8 billion. Sources are 48% General Revenue Funds, 35% other state funds, and 17% federal funds. Major purposes served are human services (41%), education (25%), government services (17%), economic development (10%),

public safety (5%), and environment and business regulation (2%). Current G.O. Bond authorization for new projects was \$22.8 billion, of which \$7.6 billion was unissued by July 30, 2009. Build Illinois bond authorization was \$4.6 billion, of which \$1.2 billion was unissued by July 30, 2009. FY 2010 appropriation to State Employees Group Insurance Program is \$2.1 billion, up 8.6% from FY 2009. FY 2010 budget was enacted in 11 public acts. (25 ILCS 155/3(12); Sept. 2009, 198 pp. + 3 appendices)

*Legislative capital plan analysis, FY 2010*

Governor's capital budget proposal for FY 2010 included \$10.967 billion in new appropriations and \$9.486 billion in reappropriations. Proposed new appropriations were from bond funds (\$4.520 billion); Illinois Jobs Now fund (\$4.177 billion); various state revenue funds (\$2.109 billion); and federal or trust funds (\$160 million). Federal stimulus funding for the proposed plan was \$2.836 billion. New appropriations were for 24 agencies, including Transportation (\$6.352 billion), Capital Development Board (\$1.8 billion), and Commerce and Economic Opportunity (\$1.048 billion). Total general obligation bond authorization for new projects was \$19.962 billion; \$4.821 billion was unused by April 20, 2009. Debt service in FY 2010 was projected at \$1.16 billion for general obligation project bonds, \$544 for pension bonds, and \$288 million for state-issued revenue bonds (total \$1.99 billion). FY 2009 debt service was about \$1.95 billion. Estimates exclude Governor's proposed Pension Obligation Bonds. Describes capital projects of agencies recommended for new appropriations and current bond topics. (25 ILCS 155/3(8); May 2009, 59 pp. + 1 appendix)

### **Higher Education, Board of**

*Report on Efficiency and Sustainability of Monetary Award Program, 2010*

Recommendations include increasing MAP funds; allocating money more proportionately among higher education facilities; limiting MAP to public institutions; using "human capital development bonds" to increase funding for program; and providing incentives for students and institutions to participate. (H.J.R. 7 [2010]; April 2010, 54 pp. + 14 appendices)

### **Human Services Dept.**

*Social Services Block Grant Fund report, April-June 2010*

Fund received \$21.7 million in federal funds. Transfers were \$13 million to General Revenue Fund, \$8.2 million to Special Purpose Trust Fund, and \$6.6 million to Local Initiative Fund. (305 ILCS 5/12-5; Sept. 2010, 2 pp.)

### **Interagency Coordinating Council**

*Status of transition services for disabled students, 2008-2009*

The Council helps state and local agencies improve services for transition-age youth with disabilities. Numbers of youth served were: Division of Rehabilitative Services, 18,925; Department of Economic Security, 13,950 (4,384 of whom entered employment); Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, 3,014. Lists three areas where transition services must be improved: data collection and analysis; more funding; and interagency coordination. (20 ILCS 3970/5; March 2010, 51 pp.)

### **Juvenile Justice Dept.**

*Quarterly report, April 1, 2010*

On February 28, 2010 there were 1,155 youth in all juvenile facilities, below total capacity of 1,754. Population was projected to fall slightly to 1,152 by March 2011. Ratio of security staff to youth was 0.621. Most youth were single-celled (62%)

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or double-celled (32%), with about 98 square feet of living area each. Enrollment (unduplicated) in educational and vocational programs was 1,043. No capital projects were being funded. (730 ILCS 5/3-5-3.1; Apr. 2010, 9 tables)

### **Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority**

*Affirmative action plan, FY 2011*

On June 30, 2010, Authority had 918 active employees; 306 were women (33%) and 380 members of minority groups (41%) (the same person can be in both groups). Of 97 officials and administrators, 49 (51%) were female and 35 (36%) minority. Of 58 professionals, 36 (62%) were female and 20 (35%) minority. Of 23 technicians, 3 (13%) were female and 7 (30%) minority. Of 186 protective service workers, 44 (24%) were female and 76 (41%) minority. Of 129 paraprofessionals, 78 (60%) were female and 98 (76%) minority. Of 90 administrative support and sales workers, 69 (77%) were female and 56 (62%) minority. Of 268 skilled workers, 14 (5%) were female and 72 (27%) minority. Of 67 service workers, 13 (19%) were female and 16 (24%) minority. (70 ILCS 210/23.1(a); undated, rec'd Aug. 2010, 130 pp.)

### **Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board**

*Annual report, 2010*

This pilot program, created in 2004, funds county services to delinquent youths at risk of incarceration. Nine programs have served youth in over 20 counties. They began in 2005; the 4th Judicial Circuit, and Kankakee, Lee, McLean, and Madison Counties were added in FY 2009. Recommendations include offering programs statewide; doing a policy analysis of them; improving data collection on program activities, administration, and evaluation; and giving planning grants to local sites. (730 ILCS 11/16.1(g)(1)(ii)(F); Jan. 2010, 28 pp.)

### **Round Lake Area School District #116**

*School Finance Authority annual report, 2010*

The district was put on “financial watch” in June 2003. For the third consecutive year in 2008-09, it had “financial recognition”—the highest category of financial strength. (105 ILCS 5/1E-130; March 2010, 254 pp.)

### **State Police Dept.**

*Court decisions on FOID cards, 2009*

The Department of State Police received 6 decisions from courts on DSP’s denial of Firearm Owners’ Identification (FOID) Cards; 3 DSP decisions were reversed by courts (2 involving domestic violence restrictions and 1 involving a felony conviction); 1 denial based on felony burglary was upheld; and 2 cases were dismissed before ruling. A further 12 cases were pending. (430 ILCS 65/11; March 2010, 4 pp.)

*Use of eavesdropping devices, 2009*

Reports came from 57 counties on 864 applications (807 original and 57 extensions) for eavesdropping with the consent of one party. Types of crimes investigated were: 78% drug-related, 12% not reported, 3% sex-related, 3% theft-related, 3% other, and 1% murder-related. Eavesdropping brought 545 arrests with 180 convictions, 352 trials pending, and 198 arrests pending. (725 ILCS 5/108A-11(c); April 2010, 11 pp.)

### **Task Force on Eliminating Racial Bias in Suspensions & Expulsions**

*Report, 2010*

Recommendations include commissioning researchers with greater expertise to analyze available data; coordinating with School Success Task Force and School Bullying Prevention Task Force to assist in policy decisions; and adding suspension and expulsion data to the P-20 longitudinal data system. (S. Res. 560 [2010]; May 2010, 4 pp.)

### **Transportation Dept.**

*2009 diesel emissions annual report*

Department of Transportation Diesel Testing Program is in 9 counties and 3 townships, with 52 public and 29 private testing stations. Department inspected 6,956 vehicles, passing 6,663 and failing 65; 228 tests were invalid. (625 ILCS 5/13-102.1; June 2010, 1 p.)

*Proposed improvements for Illinois highways, FY 2010*

IDOT will spend \$2.524 billion on construction and other highway work, including 237 miles of resurfacing; 331 of local projects (with 118 structures); 92 of Interstate work; 23 of major construction, traffic and safety improvements at 70 intersections; and 72 bridge improvements. Financing will be \$1.4 billion in federal funds, \$162 million in state funds, \$310 million in Jump Start program funds, \$515 million in Illinois Jobs Now program funds, and \$125 million in local funds. Division of spending will be \$1.845 billion on state highways and \$679 million on local streets and highways. Has details on projects by highway district. (20 ILCS 2705/49.16; Sept. 2009, rec'd Jan. 2010, 5 pp. + tables, maps, and 1 appendix)

### **Workers’ Compensation Commission**

*Medical fee schedule annual report, 2010*

Commission developed a medical fee schedule in 2006, adjusted annually based on Consumer Price Index. Fees were reduced for the first time on January 1, 2010 by 1.48%. Recommendations include: (1) reducing number of regional fee schedules, and (2) drafting a rule specifying what documents to include with a medical bill. (820 ILCS 305/8.2(g); Jan. 2010, 13 pp.)

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