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COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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Commerce Commission

Accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials on railroads in Illinois, 2021
The Commission checked 11,884 railroad cars carrying hazardous materials in 2021. Inspectors found violations in 0.8% of inspections. Among 64 railway incidents involving hazardous materials, 4 derailments released hazardous materials and 31 did not; 29 releases occurred without derailment. For each incident, tables show location, railroad, material, suspected causes, amounts involved and released, and dates. (625 ILCS 5/18c-1204(3); issued & rec'd March 2022, 11 pp. + attachments)

Crossing Safety Improvement Program, FYs 2023-2027
Preliminary data showed 104 collisions at public highway-railroad crossings in 2021, compared to 83 in 2020. For FY 2023, ICC anticipates it will consider projects requiring nearly \$99.6 million from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) and will set aside \$10 million from that fund

for emergency projects. The report also lists \$286.5 million in proposed safety crossing improvements for FYs 2024-2027, also funded by the GCPF. Projects are listed by county. (35 ILCS 505/8(c); issued & rec'd March 2022, 12 pp. + 5 appendices)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Angel Investment Tax Credit Program, 2021
The program's purpose is to attract and encourage investments in early-stage, innovative companies in Illinois. Applicants got \$10 million in tax credits in 2021. There were 124 businesses registered as qualified new ventures, with 209 registered investors in 2021. (35 ILCS 5/220(h); March 2022, rec'd April 2022, 16 pp.)

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
State Employees' Group Health Insurance Program liabilities, FY 2023

The Commission projected costs for the State Employees' Group Health Insurance

Program (SEGIP) based on information provided by Central Management Services (CMS) indicating continuation of existing contracts and negotiated rate increases for group insurance participants. CMS projected FY 2023 liability at \$3.065 billion, up 2% from FY 2022 anticipated final liability of \$3.004 billion. CGFA projected FY 2023 liability of \$3.089 billion—\$23.9 million more than CMS. The estimated number of SEGIP participants for FY 2022 was 358,028. Total membership is expected to decline 0.1% to 357,526 in FY 2023. Liability per participant is projected to rise from \$8,389 in FY 2022 to \$8,573 in FY 2023. (25 ILCS 155/4(b)(2); March 2022, rec'd April 2022, 29 pp. + 3 appendices)

Corrections, Dept. of
Quarterly report, Oct. 2021

On August 31, 2021, adult facilities had 27,997 residents, well below bed space for 48,157. Adult transition centers had 409 of those.

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 3.2 to 1, and per total staff was 2.5 to 1. August participation (a person enrolled in two programs would be counted twice) in educational programs was 2,296 (140 completed) and in vocational programs was 465 (122 completed). There were 321 resolved instances of sexual misconduct by inmates in the quarter. (730 ILCS 5/3-5-3.1; Oct. 2021, rec'd April 2022, 15 tables)

Executive Inspector General
Expenses as inspector general for RTA agencies, 2021

The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act makes the Executive Inspector General the inspector general for the Regional Transportation Authority and its service agencies (CTA, Metra, and Pace). The Office of Executive Inspector General is required to report to the General Assembly annually on its costs for acting in that capacity. In 2021 it spent \$1.1 million as inspector general for those agencies. (70 ILCS 3615/4.03.3(h); Jan. 2022, rec'd April 2022, 1 p.)

Human Services, Dept. of
Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2022

The Act requires state agencies

to report demographics of participants in their major programs. The Department has begun analyzing demographic data for 9 programs, and will add four more next year. It is also working to develop standard definitions for some of the demographic categories. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(f); issued & rec'd March 2022, 2 pp.)

Social Services Block Grant Fund and Local Initiative Fund receipts and transfers, fourth quarter FY 2020 (including lapse period)

The Social Services Block Grant Fund began the fourth quarter with \$500,000 and got \$13.85 million in federal funds. It paid \$2.89 million to the General Revenue Fund; \$4.3 million to the Special Purpose Trust Fund; and \$6.66 million to the Local Initiative Fund, ending with \$500,000. Local Initiative Fund expenditures during the quarter were \$6.84 million. (305 ILCS 5/12-5; Nov. 2020, rec'd April 2022, 1 p.)

Social Services Block Grant Fund and Local Initiative Fund receipts and transfers, fourth quarter FY 2021 (including lapse period)

The Social Services Block Grant Fund began the fourth quarter with \$500,000 and got \$10.1 million in federal funds. It paid \$6.3 million to the General Revenue Fund; \$1.1 million to the Special Purpose Trust Fund; and \$2.7 million to the Local Initiative Fund, ending with \$500,000. Local

Initiative Fund expenditures during the quarter were \$8.74 million. (305 ILCS 5/12-5; Dec. 2021, rec'd April 2022, 1 p.)

Insurance, Dept. of
Front-line bilingual employees annual report, 2022

As of March 31, 2022, the Department of Insurance had 2 employees receiving bilingual pay. Both spoke Spanish. (5 ILCS 382/3-1; issued & rec'd April 2022, 4 pp.)

Juvenile Justice, Dept. of
Quarterly Report, Oct. 2021

In August 2021, there were 114 youth in all juvenile facilities, below capacity of 915. An additional 350 youth were in Aftercare. Enrollment in the general education program was 71, including 37 in special education and 25 in vocational programs. The ratio of youth to security staff was 1.7 to 1 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 1.8 to 1 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and 3.2 to 1 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The report also includes youth demographic data. (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-61(b); Oct. 2021, rec'd April 2022, 7 pp.)

Quarterly report, April 2022

In February 2022, there were 119 youth in all juvenile facilities. An additional 298 were in Aftercare. Enrollment in the general education program was 82, including 50 in special education and 9 in vocational education. The ratio of youth to security staff was 1.4 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.;

2 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and 2.9 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. (These ratios represent security staff divided by average daily population.) The report also includes youth demographic data. (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-61(b); issued & rec'd April 2022, 7 pp.)

Property Tax Appeal Board
Annual report, 2020

The report presents data by county for recent years on commercial and industrial property tax assessment appeals and any resulting assessment reductions. The Board also closed some 21,353 residential appeals involving 26,788 properties in 2020. (35 ILCS 200/16-190(b); Feb. 2021, rec'd April 2022, 11 pp.)

Annual report, 2021

The report presents data by county for recent years on commercial and industrial property tax assessment appeals and any resulting assessment reductions. The Board also closed some 24,760 residential appeals involving 32,047 properties in 2021. (35 ILCS 200/16-190(b); Feb. 2022, rec'd April 2022, 11 pp.)

State Fire Marshal
Report on intentionally added PFAS in Illinois firefighting foam, 2021

P.A. 102-290 (2021) required the State Fire Marshal to survey Illinois fire departments on the prevalence and use of Class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS (chemicals used in some industrial and consumer products that can have adverse health effects). The survey period was from November 2020 through October 2021. The Office received responses from 333 fire departments (29% of all departments), which had some 48,000 gallons of Class B firefighting foam in stock on January 1, 2022. The Office worked with foam manufacturers to determine the likely PFAS content of the foam. Some 38% likely contained intentionally added PFAS; about 42% contained unintentionally added PFAS. Responding departments discharged 466 gallons of Class B foam in the survey period and disposed of 750 gallons; the PFAS content of that foam was

unknown in most cases. (410 ILCS 170/25(b); issued & rec'd March 2022, 4 pp.)

State Police, Illinois
Juvenile charge report, Jan.- March 2022

The State Police received 3,195 charge reports in the first quarter. Charges are listed by disposition, offense type, gender, race, age, and county. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355; issued & rec'd May 2022, 3 pp.)

State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor

Annual report, FY 2021

The agency filed 1,048 main briefs and responded to 1,828 advice calls. The Continuing Legal Education Unit sponsored or co-sponsored 6 CLE seminars. The Special Prosecution Unit helped on 1,626 cases in 92 counties. The Tax Objection Unit handled 79 matters for 28 counties. (725 ILCS 210/4.06; March 2022, rec'd April 2022, 28 pp.)

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