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Board of Higher Education

Higher Education Veterans Service Act costs, 2023

Public colleges and universities spent \$6.4 million (\$3.4 million from state funds and \$3.0 million from federal and local sources) on programs and services for military or veteran students in FY 2023. Public universities spent about \$2.4 million; community colleges spent almost \$4.0 million. The Illinois Community College Board was appropriated almost \$4.3 million to reimburse community colleges for most tuition and fee waiver costs for veterans. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission received no state funding for this purpose, leaving public universities without veteran tuition and fee reimbursements. Veteran waiver awards declined by 256 from FY 2022 to 2023. This is attributed to more veterans choosing federal education benefits instead of state waivers. (110 ILCS 49/20; Nov. 2023, rec'd Sept. 2024, 10 pp. + 5 appendices)

Commerce Commission

e-Docket privacy control report, 2024

The Commission learned that personal information was in some documents in its electronic docket filing system (e-Docket). The Commission notified the six affected people and removed that information. It is reviewing its privacy policies, and considering software to detect personal information in documents. (815 ILCS 530/25; issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 4 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Energy assistance programs operations report, program year 2024

The program year 2024 budget for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) was \$279.4 million; actual spending was \$281.2 million. Spending declined 21% from 2023 because need due to the COVID-19 pandemic fell. Disbursements

are listed by county. (305 ILCS 20/18(f)(2.5); Sept. 2024, rec'd Oct. 2024, 6 pp.)

Enterprise Zone, High Impact Business, Blue Collar Jobs Act, and River Edge Redevelopment Zone Programs annual report, 2023

DCEO received 5 Blue Collar Jobs Act project applications and no enterprise zone project applications in 2023. The Illinois Department of Revenue reported \$141.9 million in forgone state tax revenue from enterprise zones; \$31.0 million from the High Impact Business Program; and \$229,000 from the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Program. Businesses participating in the Enterprise Zone program reported investing \$1.7 billion and creating 8,614 jobs; High Impact Business participants reported investing \$872.0 million and a loss of 1,216 jobs; and River Edge Redevelopment participants reported investing \$7,000 and no new jobs. (20 ILCS 655/6, 20 ILCS 655/5.5(h), and 65

ILCS 115/10-6(a)(1); July 2024, rec'd Oct. 2024, 36 pp.)

Criminal Justice Information Authority

Annual report, FY 2023

The Authority administered 29 federal and state grant programs in FY 2023, including Victims of Crime Act grants (\$87.8 million); Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program grants (\$4.4 million); and Violence Against Women Act grants (\$3.1 million). It administers Adult Redeploy Illinois and the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew program (using cannabis tax revenue to reduce gun violence and improve criminal justice system outcomes). The report also lists articles published by the Authority in FY 2023, and gives fiscal information on the Authority. (20 ILCS 3930/7; Dec. 2023, rec'd Sept. 2024, 33 pp.)

Human Services, Dept. of

Community Emergency Services and Support Act (CESSA) quarterly status report, July-Sept. 2024

The Act requires emergency response operators to refer calls seeking mental and behavioral health support to a new service that can dispatch mental health professionals in lieu of police. Pre-tests of the model began in September. Six-month regional pilot programs are to start in the second quarter of FY 2025; testing is expected

to be complete by 2025 fiscal yearend. The report lists accomplishments and pending tasks, and discusses challenges and how to address them. (50 ILCS 754/70; issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 17 p.)

Facility statistics and workplace violence quarterly report, June 16-Sept. 15, 2024

State-operated mental health facilities admitted 796 and discharged 790 patients in the quarter. Some 105 workplace violence incidents were reported (mostly assaults by patients); staff did not instigate any reported incidents. About 84 incidents caused injury. The report states whether medical intervention was required, and any workdays missed. (20 ILCS 1705/4(c); Sept. 2024, rec'd Oct. 2024, 10 pp.)

Interagency Working Group on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security annual report, FY 2024

The group was created to support the Illinois Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security. The report has statistics on poverty in Illinois, and describes state actions and commitments related to elements of the Commission's 5-year plan. (305 ILCS 70/95-304(a); issued & rec'd Sept. 2024, 23 pp. + 1 appendix)

Illinois Community Health Workers Review Board

Annual report, 2024

The Board was created to advise the Department of Public Health on developing an Illinois Community Health Worker Certification Program. It met 10 times from September 2023 to September 2024. It heard feedback on draft rules for a certification program; hired a program manager and administrative assistant; and extended work orders under agreements with two state universities to build a technology platform and develop a program curriculum. Steps for the next year are identified. (410 ILCS 67/5-17(a); issued & rec'd Sept. 2024, 5 pp.)

Insurance, Dept. of

Cost containment annual report, 2023

Illinois policyholders paid \$33 billion in direct written premiums in 2022. Insurers' Illinois loss ratio rose 3.62 percentage points from 57.80% in 2021 to 61.42% in 2022—just below the national average. Homeowners' insurance premiums were \$4.9 billion in Illinois; losses as a percentage of earned premiums on those policies rose 3.8 percentage points from 2021 to 2022. Private passenger vehicle liability premiums were \$4.5 billion, and commercial vehicle liability premiums were \$1.8 billion. Workers' compensation

premiums were \$2.4 billion, up 6.1%. Medical malpractice liability premiums were \$367 million, up 7.6%. (215 ILCS 5/1202(d); Dec. 2023, rec'd Sept. 2024, 35 pp. + 6 appendices)

Cost containment annual report, 2024

Illinois policyholders paid \$36 billion in direct written premiums in 2023. Insurers' Illinois loss ratio rose 7.49 percentage points to 68.92% in 2023—slightly above the national average. Homeowners' coverage premiums were \$5.5 billion; losses as a percentage of earned premium on those policies rose 30.5 percentage points from 2022 to 2023. Private passenger vehicle liability premiums were \$5.0 billion; commercial automobile liability premiums were \$1.8 billion. Worker's compensation premiums were \$2.5 billion, up 4.1%. Medical malpractice liability premiums were \$382 million, up 4.0%. (215 ILCS 5/1202(d); July 2024, rec'd Sept. 2024, 35 pp. + 6 appendices)

Workers' Compensation Fraud and Compliance Unit annual report, 2023

The fraud unit received 20 allegations of fraud, down considerably from past years. The drop is attributed mostly to lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and more remote working. The unit

closed 21 cases (some were from past years) and referred 5 for possible prosecution. The compliance section received 174 allegations of noncompliance with workers' compensation coverage laws; the Illinois Department of Labor sent it 35 complaints of Employee Classification Act violations. The compliance section opened 68 investigations and resolved 25 cases in other ways; those remaining await investigation. (820 ILCS 305/25.5(h); July 2023, rec'd Sept. 2024, 9 pp.)

Law Enforcement Training Standards Board

Complaints about law enforcement officers, 2022

The Board began accepting public complaints about law enforcement officers on July 1, 2022, and continued accepting complaints from government entities that are required to report if they learn of misconduct. In 2022 the Board received 175 complaints (136 from government entities and 39 from the public), including 206 allegations that may justify the Board in holding discretionary decertification hearings. (A complaint can include more than one misconduct allegation.) A discretionary decertification process is still being developed; no discretionary decertification hearings were held in 2022. Automatic decertification happens by law in some cases;

33 officers were automatically decertified in 2022. (50 ILCS 705/9.2(f); March 2023, rec'd Sept. 2024, 4 pp. + attachments)

Complaints about law enforcement officers, 2023

In 2023 the Board received 496 complaints: 306 from governments and 190 from the public (of which were 98 closed by yearend). A 2022 law authorizes the Board to start discretionary decertification for six kinds of misconduct. No discretionary decertification hearings were held in 2023. The Certification Review Panel, which is to hold such hearings, has two vacant seats; its current members have completed much of the required training. Automatic decertification happens by law in some instances; 21 police officers were automatically decertified in 2023. (50 ILCS 705/9.2(f); March 2024, rec'd Sept. 2024, 4 pp. + attachments)

Social Security Number Protection Task Force Report, 2023

The report examines state procedures to avoid unauthorized release of Social Security numbers, and ways to substitute other numbers for state use. It discusses a recent federal General Services Administration decision that will minimize Social Security numbers in its mailed information. In 2023, Illinois participated in a nationwide

settlement with Blackbaud, a software company that had a large data breach. Under the settlement, Blackbaud agreed to encrypt customer data and bolster its information security. The Task Force awaits several appointments and/or confirmations. (20 ILCS 4040/10(c); Dec. 2023, rec'd Aug. 2024, 8 pp. + 4 appendices)

State Board of Education

Administration of undesignated asthma medication, 2023-24 school year

Schools reported 1,900 administrations of asthma medication from stock supplies: 1,876 by metered dose inhalers, 23 by nebulizers, and 1 unspecified. Doses went to students (1,833), staff (60), and visitors (7). (105 ILCS 5/22-30(j); issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 8 pp.)

Early Childhood Prevention Initiative report, FYs 2022-2023

The program began in 1988 to increase school success by coordinating and expanding services to children up to age 3 in high-risk areas. It served 16,282 children and 17,064 caregivers in FY 2022, and 14,979 children and 15,277 caregivers in FY 2023. The report includes program types, participant demographics, family surveys, and budget and service levels. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.89(c); issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 35 pp.)

Illinois educator preparation content tests and pass rates, 2024

The report shows pass rates (both on a first attempt and for cumulative attempts) on educator licensure content tests for 54 institutions of higher education with educator preparation programs. The report gives data on persons tested between August 2021 and June 2024. Statewide, 87% passed content tests during that time. Results are categorized by institution. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11d; issued & rec'd Sept. 2024, 7 pp.)

Preschool for All report, FYs 2022-2023

The Preschool for All (PFA) program served 76,334 students at an average cost of \$5,058 in FY 2022, and 80,705 students at a cost of \$5,217 in FY 2023. Performance on the FY 2023 Illinois Assessment of Readiness (by former PFA students in grade 3) showed that 49.36% approached, met, or exceeded expectations in math, and 41.48% in English language arts. The report includes student demographics, statewide need, program quality measures, and budget and service levels. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.71(a)(6); issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 59 pp.)

Schools administering undesignated opioid antagonist, 2023-24 school year

Ten school districts reported administering 16 doses of opioid antagonist (antidote) from stock supplies. Four high schools reported two incidents each. Antagonist was administered by registered nurses (10 incidents), other school personnel (3), police or school resource officers (2), or an emergency medical technician (1). (105 ILCS 5/22-30(j)-20; issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 5 pp.)

School mandate waiver requests, fall 2024

The report summarizes 46 waiver requests—15 approved by ISBE, 18 transmitted to the General Assembly, 7 withdrawn or not needed, 5 ineligible, and 1 denied by ISBE. They are classified by topic and legislative action; relevant statutes are listed. The most common waiver topics include: school improvement (15 approved, 1 withdrawn or not needed, 1 ineligible); administrative cost limitation (7 transmitted, 3 withdrawn or not needed, 1 ineligible); driver education (2 transmitted, 2 withdrawn or not needed, 3 ineligible); and physical education (4 transmitted). (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g; issued & rec'd Sept. 2024, 19 pp.)

Undesignated epinephrine use, school year 2023-24

Reports of 228 administrations of undesignated epinephrine—either from stock supplies or by self-administration—came from 179 public schools and four nonpublic schools. The most uses (69) were reported by Chicago School District 299. Some 128 students and 12 staff who received epinephrine already had severe allergy diagnoses. The report includes age and allergy trigger information. (105 ILCS 5/22-30(j); issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 9 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

FOID Card Review Board report, Aug.-Sept. 2024

The Board hears petitions from persons whose FOID card applications were denied or whose cards are revoked. No cases were heard in August. The Board received 47 cases in September. It granted relief in 26, denied relief in 9, and continued 12. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 1 p.)

Transportation, Dept. of

Chief Procurement Office joint purchases report, FY 2024

IDOT Highway Construction did not procure any contracts

through joint purchase in FY 2024. (30 ILCS 525/2(a-10); issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 1 p.)

Treasurer, Office of the
Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund financial audit, FY 2024

By June 30, 2024, 25,481 employers had registered with the Program and 9,832 were taking payroll deductions. Active accounts rose from 125,390 to 152,973 during the fiscal year; their average balance rose from \$1,017 to \$1,255. In FY 2024, the Fund's total assets rose from \$128.3 million to \$193.1 million, and contributions exceeded distributions by \$42.1 million. (820 ILCS 80/80(a); Sept. 2024, rec'd Oct. 2024, 33 pp.)

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