

# ABSTRACTS OF STATE REPORTS

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## Abstracts of Reports Required to be Filed With the General Assembly

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### **Agriculture, Dept. of**

*Agricultural Areas annual report, 2018*

Illinois had 122,848 acres reserved from development in some 56 Agricultural Areas in 23 counties. Henry County had the most (22,735). A table lists Agricultural Areas by county. (505 ILCS 5/20.1; Dec. 2018, rec'd Feb. 2020, 4 pp.)

*Farmland Conversion, FY 2018*

State agency purchases or other actions affected 35,888 acres. The Commerce Commission converted the most (30,047 acres). The other major converter was the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (5,067 acres). A table summarizes farmland and other land conversions by agencies/departments. (505 ILCS 75/6; Mar. 2019, rec'd Feb. 2020, 11 pp.)

### **Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of**

*Enterprise Zone Loan Fund, FY 2019*

DCEO reports that it has never received an appropriation for the Enterprise Zone Loan Fund and that the Fund does not exist within the State Comptroller's Office; thus it has no Fund operations to report. (20 ILCS 655/12-9; Dec. 2019, rec'd Feb. 2020, 1 p.)

*High Impact Business Designation*

Minonk Stewardship Wind, LLC was designated an Illinois High Impact Business/Wind Energy Business for its Marshall County wind energy facility, Bennington Wind. The designation entitles it to a business material tax exemption for up to 20 years.

(20 ILCS 655/5.5(h), issued & rec'd Feb. 2020, 2 pp.)

### **Community College Board**

*Adult Education and Literacy report, FY 2019*

Adult education programs served 59,769 students: 36,074 English as a Second Language students, 16,818 in Adult Basic Education, 8,489 in Adult Secondary Education, 2,291 vocational students, and 2,029 earning high school credit. Adult education providers were community, junior, or technical colleges (37); community-based organizations (21); local education agencies (13); faith-based organizations (3); 4-year institutions (3); and the Department of Corrections (1), for a total of 78 providers. (105 ILCS 405/2-4; undated, rec'd Feb. 2020, 5 pp.)

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**Legislative Audit****Commission***Annual report, 2019*

In 2019, the Commission reviewed 130 financial audits and compliance examinations, parts of 2 statewide single audits, and 2 performance audits. It reviewed statements for 118 emergency purchases totaling \$49.1 million; monitored reports of the travel control boards created by law; reviewed awards not made to the lowest bidders;

and recommended 5 new laws (enacted). (25 ILCS 150/3; undated, rec'd Mar. 2020, 26 pp. + 4 appendices)

**Housing Development Authority***Annual report, FY 2019*

For all of its programs, the Authority received a total 8,825 applications for \$1.2 billion in federal and state resources in FY 2019. Of that, \$1.1 billion was for direct financing and \$137 million

was for tax credit allocations for low-income housing. The report describes each type of financing available and the amounts awarded by each type, and lists each of the applicants and recipients. The report also describes projected activities for each funding type in FY 2020. (20 ILCS 3805/5; issued Feb. 2020, rec'd Mar. 2020, 14 pp. + 22 exhibits)

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