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Attorney General

Collection statistics, 2020

State agencies referred 12,266 collection cases for \$43.5 million to the Attorney General (89% from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services). Total collections (including older cases) were \$399 million. The report includes referrals by agency. Reported amounts do not reflect collections related to litigation against the tobacco industry (\$264.8 million) and estate tax revenues (\$240.3 million). (30 ILCS 205/2(j); issued & rec'd Feb. 2021, 2 pp.)

Board of Higher Education

Chief Procurement Office for Institutions of Higher Education annual report, FY 2020

This office is the independent procurement authority for public universities and the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA). In FY 2020, over 2,284 purchases

totalled more than \$4.4 billion.

Of that, \$3.6 billion was in competitive procurements, \$566 million in cooperative purchases, \$297 million in sole-source procurements, and \$47 million in emergency purchases. Additionally, the public universities and IMSA made \$460 million in exempt purchases. The office has been working to implement an e-bidding function and to create uniform guidance for consistency in implementation. The report contains detailed sections on each procurement type. (30 ILCS 500/45-90(f); undated, rec'd March 2021, 60 pp.)

Public university tuition and fee waivers and tuition quartiles, FY 2020

In FY 2020, about 27.5% of public university students paid no tuition or fees. Public universities granted 41,595 tuition and fee waivers worth \$478.5 million. By value, 75.7% of waivers went to

graduate students and 24.3% to undergraduates. Most graduate student waivers were for teaching and/or research assistants. Over 88% of total waivers were discretionary. In FY 2020, public universities waived \$20.3 million in tuition and fees for military veterans that was not reimbursed by the state. The report provides detailed waiver information by university. (110 ILCS 205/9.29; issued & rec'd March 2021, 9 pp. + 3 tables, 2 appendices)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities annual report, FY 2020

In FY 2020, agencies and universities made over \$723 million in contracts with businesses certified under the program—up 15% from FY 2019, and the most since the program began. Over 1,100 vendors got contracts—also a record high. CMS revised

several policies, including new goal-setting methods and a “Buying Guide” to forecast state contract opportunities. The program launched FastTrack certification, recognizing certifications from Chicago and Cook County, to expand potential vendors’ opportunities; about 700 vendors were added using this tool. The report lists statutory and targeted goals for each agency or university, and the value of contracts with certified firms. (30 ILCS 575/8f; issued & rec’d March 2021, 66 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Angel Investment Tax Credit Program, 2020

The program is meant to attract and encourage investments in early-stage, innovative Illinois companies. Applicants got \$10 million in tax credits in 2020. There were 129 businesses registered as qualified new ventures and 218 registered investors. The program saw significant gains in both qualified ventures and investors from minority- or women-owned businesses. (35 ILCS 5/220(h); issued & rec’d Feb. 2021, 24 pp.)

Cannabis Social Equity Program annual report, 2021

The Program offers grants and loans to help conditional cannabis business licensees who have been, or have family who have been, arrested for cannabis offenses, or who come

from areas of high poverty and high rates of arrest for cannabis offenses. Because conditional license awards have been delayed, DCEO is “effectively barred” from making loans and grants until licenses are finalized. Thus, the report has no data on recipients or resulting economic impacts. DCEO is ready to administer loans once licenses are awarded. It made grants to several organizations to provide technical assistance to social equity applicants; through late November 2020, organizations conducted 68 workshops and webinars with 2,105 attending. (410 ILCS 705/7-15(e); Jan. 2021, rec’d Feb. 2021, 11 pp.)

Illinois Film Office, quarterly report, Oct.-Dec. 2020

The Office estimates that 5,625 crew, 637 production office, 892 talent, and 6,859 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2016.) It reports that 35% of crew members were minorities and 20% were white women. Reported production spending was \$165.6 million (\$21.4 million commercial; \$141.6 million television; and \$2.7 million film). The Office is unable to track vendor jobs. It encourages educational opportunities for minorities to train for film and television work. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec’d Feb. 2021, 2 pp.)

Illinois PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council

Report, 2020

The Advisory Council was created in 2015 to make recommendations for standard practice guidelines for, and to increase awareness of, Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS). An estimated 1 in 200 children are affected by PANDAS/PANS. The report gives background on these conditions and their incidence in Illinois; diagnostic criteria; treatment guidelines; current research; and efforts to increase clinical awareness. It also discusses potential effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on children with PANDAS/PANS, and calls for increased screening and monitoring. The report also makes recommendations relating to continued public education on both conditions. (20 ILCS 2310/2310-676(e); Dec. 2020, rec’d Jan. 2021, 27 pp.)

Illinois Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans

Annual report, 2020

The Task Force was created to identify strategies to reduce African American maternal and infant mortality. Illinois’ pregnancy-related mortality rate is 23 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births; its infant

mortality rate is 6.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. African American mothers and infants die at significantly higher rates than non-Hispanic whites. The Task Force made six recommendations: (1) require healthcare systems to give healthcare providers implicit bias and racial equity education; (2) expand and standardize telehealth services; (3) increase state support of free-standing birthing centers; (4) re-imagine the Medicaid reimbursement schedule to add a postpartum visit about 3 weeks after birth; (5) increase use of doula services; and (6) add staff to the Office of Women's Health and Family Services to support the Task Force. The Task Force's next steps include listening sessions and provider education. (20 ILCS 5145/20; Jan. 2021, rec'd Feb. 2021, 16 pp. + 4 appendices)

Law Enforcement Training Standards Board

Mobile Team Training Units annual report, FY 2019

The 16 Mobile Team Training Units collectively spent some \$10.3 million in federal, state, and local funds (\$5.9 million in state funds). They provided 42,528 hours of instruction, trained 184,023 registrants (171,113 local officers), and had 850,127 total training "man hours." The cost was \$242.92 per hour, \$56.14 per trainee, and \$12.15 per "man hour." The Units offered 32 mandatory

firearms training courses to 319 officers. The report also lists state funding to each Unit in FY 2019, and amounts projected for FY 2020. (50 ILCS 720/6; Jan. 2020, rec'd Feb. 2021; 12 pp. + 1 appendix)

Mobile Team Training Units annual report, FY 2020

The 16 Mobile Team Training Units collectively spent some \$8.1 million in federal, state, and local funds (\$4.9 million in state funds). They provided 27,822 hours of instruction, trained 162,342 registrants (158,258 local officers), and had 595,507 total training "man hours." The cost was \$290.74 per hour, \$49.83 per trainee, and \$13.58 per "man hour." The Units offered 37 mandatory firearms training courses to 411 officers. The report also lists state funding to each Unit in FY 2020, and amounts projected for FY 2021. (50 ILCS 720/6; Jan. 2021, rec'd Feb. 2021; 12 pp. + 1 appendix)

Legislative Information System

Biennial report, 2017-2018

LIS provided 20 information technology services to the General Assembly, including systems for bill drafting, tracking, voting, and enrolling and engrossing; audio and video services for each chamber; posting journals and debate transcripts online; hosting the Illinois Administrative Code; and tracking federal grants. LIS had \$4.98 million in

expenditures in FY 2017, and \$5.08 million in FY 2018; it was appropriated \$6.76 million for FY 2019. LIS continues to develop information technology for the General Assembly. (25 ILCS 145/5.07; April 2019, rec'd March 2021, 30 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

Metropolitan Enforcement

Groups annual report, FY 2020

Metropolitan Enforcement

Groups (MEGs) were

authorized in 1977 to enforce

state drug laws and investigate

gang activity. Illinois has 9

MEGs covering 20 counties

(including 1 in Iowa). They

have 115 personnel: 55 local

officers, 24 State Police officers,

12 federal officers, and 24

administrative staff. In FY 2020

they received \$1.17 million in

funding; opened 1,539 cases,

closing 866 by arrest and 623

administratively; and arrested

75 gang members and seized

213 weapons. The report lists

drugs seized and drug arrests

by type; weapons seized by

type; and gang arrests by gang

name. Statistics on each MEG

are included. (30 ILCS 715/6;

undated, rec'd Feb. 2021, 34 pp.

+ 1 appendix)

Treasurer

Illinois Secure Choice Savings

Program Fund financial audit,

FY 2020

As of June 30, 2020, 5,540

employers had registered

with the Program and 2,460

had begun submitting payroll

deductions. During FY 2020, the number of active accounts rose from 13,283 to 65,933 and the average balance rose from \$237 to \$401. The Program Fund's net position grew from \$3.1 million to \$26.5 million, with contributions exceeding distributions by \$22.6 million (\$25.6 million contributed, \$3.0 million distributed). Investment income totaled \$800.0 thousand.

Administrative fees were about \$79,600. (820 ILCS 80/80(a); Jan. 2021, rec'd Feb. 2021, 32 pp.)

Teachers' Retirement System
Final state funding certification, FY 2021

The TRS Board certified two state funding amounts for FY 2021: \$5.1 billion based on law

or \$8.3 billion based on actuarial standards. The certifications include assumptions on effects of the accelerated pension benefit programs contained in P.A. 100-587 and extended by P.A. 101-10. (40 ILCS 5/16-158(a-5); Jan. 2020, rec'd. Feb. 2021, 2 pp. + 2 attachments)

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