

# ABSTRACTS OF STATE REPORTS

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### **Central Management Services, Dept. of**

*Bilingual needs and pay survey, FY 2020*

The number of state employees receiving bilingual pay in FY 2020 was 1,897. Of those, 1,375 were employed by the Department of Human Services. Of 8,882 jobs posted, 422 (5%) had bilingual designation. Agencies reported hiring 293 employees to bilingual positions, of which 100 included bilingual pay. (Bilingual pay is determined by collective bargaining agreements.) Thirty-four agencies reported that they had not yet translated their websites into other languages. CMS will continue to work to strengthen agencies' abilities to provide services to populations with limited English proficiency. (20 ILCS 415/9(6); undated, rec'd Jan. 2021, 11 pp.)

*State-owned & surplus real property, 2020*

Eleven properties were declared surplus and available for transfer to state agencies. (30 ILCS 605/7.1(e); Oct.

2020, rec'd Dec. 2020, 2 pp. + 39 files on a disk)

### **Children and Family Services, Dept. of**

*Child abuse and neglect prevention plan, 2019*

The plan's goals include: (1) education and self-sufficiency, (2) moving from institutional to community-based care, (3) paying for quality and outcomes, (4) prevention and population health, (5) data integration and predictive analysis, and (6) building relationships and communication by engaging youth and their families. The plan describes resources that DCFS finds necessary for investigating and processing reports of abuse; follow-up services provided for child protection; and existing resources used to implement the plan. (20 ILCS 505/4a; Sept. 2019, rec'd Jan. 2021, 15 pp.)

### **Commerce Commission**

*Electricity, gas, water, and sewer utilities annual report, 2020*

Major electric utilities' 2019 average prices per kilowatt-hour (kWh) were: Commonwealth

Edison, 11.86¢; MidAmerican Energy, 7.60¢; Ameren Illinois, 8.64¢; and Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company (MCPU), 14.45¢. Major gas utilities' 2019 average prices per therm were: MidAmerican Energy, 47.20¢; Nicor Gas, 54.91¢; North Shore Gas, 67.56¢; Peoples Gas Light and Coke, 92.56¢; Ameren Illinois 88.49¢; Consumers Gas, 67.47¢; Illinois Gas, 68.27¢; Liberty Utilities, 103.75¢; and MCPU, 102.49¢. The report includes a review of Commission activities, examinations of the utility industry and energy planning, and reports on effects of federal actions on state utility services. There were no legislative recommendations. (220 ILCS 5/4-304; Jan. 2021, rec'd Feb. 2021, 55 pp. + 2 appendices)

### **Employment Security, Dept. of**

*Women and minorities in Illinois labor force, 2020*

Illinois' labor force declined 17,400 in calendar year 2019 to about 6.45 million. Women's labor participation rate was

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59.4%—lower than men’s (70%), but above the national women’s participation rate (57.4%). Labor force participation rose for both African Americans and Hispanics; Hispanics had the highest labor participation rate of all groups. Illinois’ unemployment rate in 2019 was 4%, slightly above the 3.7% national rate. Unemployment rates were 3.3% for whites, 3.6% for Hispanics, and 8.7% for African Americans. In 2018, median full-time weekly earnings in the U.S. were \$1,095 for Asian Americans, \$916 for whites, \$694 for African Americans, and \$680 for Hispanics. Also in 2018, women’s median pay was 77.7% of men’s pay in Illinois and 81.1% nationally. (20 ILCS 1505/1505-20; March 2020, rec’d Jan. 2021, 31 pp. + figures, tables)

**Joint Committee on Administrative Rules**

*Annual report, 2019*  
JCAR reviewed 366 rulemakings: 297 general; 26 emergency; 29 exempt; 8 peremptory; and 6 required rulemakings. The report lists and summarizes notable rulemakings on which JCAR took action, and laws and bills related to rulemaking. It summarizes JCAR’s review of ADA procedures; review of Freedom of Information Act rules; and the complaint review program

(including court decisions). It also includes histories of JCAR actions and general rulemaking by agency. (5 ILCS 100/5-140; Feb. 2020, rec’d Jan. 2021, 69 pp.)

**Public Health, Dept. of Health and Hazardous Substances Registry annual report, FY 2020**

The registry collects and analyzes data on selected public health concerns and hazardous exposures. In FY 2020, the registry received \$1.66 million in federal funds and some \$27,500 from other sources. It responded to 18 general information requests; 36 requests for epidemiological reports and registry data; 19 special data requests or collaborations with outside researchers; and 3 inquiries on perceived high local cancer rates. It released 1 research paper in the *Illinois Morbidity and Mortality Bulletin*, 7 reports in the *Epidemiologic Report Series*, and 6 reports for quality control studies of registry data. It also submitted 6 grant proposals; authored or co-authored 4 papers in peer-reviewed journals; and contributed data for 19 published studies by outside researchers. The report also reviews activities and progress toward FY 2020 goals, and lists FY 2021 goals. (410 ILCS 525/8; Nov. 2020, rec’d Jan. 2021, 46 pp.)

**State Board of Education**

*Capital Needs Assessment Survey, 2020*

The 251 responding elementary, secondary, and unit districts reported \$6.9 billion in capital needs for building construction, additions, and repairs for the next 2 years—down from \$9.4 billion reported by 350 districts in 2018. Some 460 temporary classrooms are being used to ease crowding; 221 more classrooms are needed for pre-K and kindergarten. Districts need over \$4.6 billion for general repairs and renovation projects, including \$3.4 billion to meet current health-life safety requirements. (105 ILCS 230/5-60; Dec. 2020, rec’d Jan. 2021, 7 pp.)

**State Universities Retirement System**

*Emerging Investment Managers, FY 2020*

On June 30, 2020, 22 of SURS’ 62 investment managers (35%) were owned by minorities, women, or persons with disabilities. SURS assets managed by such firms were \$7.2 billion (36.9% of its portfolio, up from 30.3% in FY 2019). The report also lists goals to continue increasing participation by those groups. Appendices report on SURS board policies, and names and amounts managed by such investment managers. (40 ILCS 5/1-109.1; Dec. 2020, rec’d Jan. 2021, 15 pp. + 9 appendices)

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