

# ABSTRACTS OF STATE REPORTS

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

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### **Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of Business Information Center report, 2019**

The First Stop Business Information Center answers questions on federal and state requirements, regulatory processes, and aid. It took 3,942 inquiries, including 1,433 on general business questions and 921 on business startup, planning, counseling, and training assistance. Some 529 clients were referred to a network partner for assistance. The Regulatory Flexibility Program serves as a regulatory advocate for small businesses. It reviewed 272 proposed rulemakings and submitted 52 comments to JCAR. (20 ILCS 608/15(q); issued Apr. 2020, rec'd July 2020, 9 pp.)

### **Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund annual report, 2020**

The Fund collects money to help low-income households

buy energy. In CY 2019, there were no deposits into the Fund or expenditures or transfers from the Fund. The May 2020 Fund balance was about \$14,472. The report summarizes issues preventing DCEO from achieving the goals of the Fund and recommends the Fund be abolished and moneys be transferred to the Supplemental Low Income Energy Assistance Fund. (305 ILCS 22/35; issued May 2020, rec'd June 2020, 7 pp.)

### **Illinois Film Office quarterly report, Oct.-Dec. 2019**

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 6,292 technical crew, 792 production office, 774 talent, and 4,368 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2015.) Of some 6,558 crew members hired, 27% were minorities and 22% were white women. Reported

production spending was \$161.1 million. The Office is not able to track vendor jobs. It continues to encourage educational opportunities for minorities to be trained for employment in film and television. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd Jul. 2020, 2 pp.)

### **Illinois Film Office quarterly report, Jan.-Mar. 2020**

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 1,155 technical crew, 164 production office, 295 talent, and 3,188 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2016.) Of some 2,394 crew members hired, 33% were minorities and 16% were white women. Reported production spending was \$74.4 million (\$5.3 million commercial; \$68.7 million TV; and about \$325,000 film). The Office is not able to track vendor jobs. It continues to encourage opportunities

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