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Board of Higher Education

Chief Procurement Office for Institutions of Higher Education, FY 2022 annual report

This office is the independent procurement authority for public universities and the Illinois Math and Science Academy. In FY 2022 it handled 1,354 purchases worth about \$7.7 billion, consisting of \$6.9 billion in competitive procurements; \$729 million in cooperative purchases; \$140 million in sole-source procurements; and \$9 million in emergency purchases. Separately, universities made about \$630 million in purchases exempt from the Procurement Code. Contracts with certified small businesses totaled \$36.5 million—about 2.17% of the total and below the goal of 10%. The report has detailed sections on each procurement type. (130 ILCS 500/45-90(f); Aug. 2022, rec'd Jan. 2023, 43 pp.)

Illinois Articulation Initiative annual report, 2021

The Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) was created

in 1993 to help students transfer among Illinois public and private higher education institutions. A 2017 law required all public institutions to participate by accepting a group of IAI-approved general education courses in lieu of their own general education requirements. Among 41,042 students who transferred in FY 2021, over 7,400 completed the IAI general education courses at community colleges. An institution may submit courses to IAI for transfer approval, in which other participating institutions agree to grant credit for the course to transfer students who took it. In FY 2021, institutions submitted 1,037 courses for review; 662 were approved. Some 343 faculty members participated in the review panels. (110 ILCS 152/25(b); Dec. 2021, rec'd Dec. 2022, 11 pp.)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

African Descent Citizens Reparations Commission annual report, 2022

The Commission was formed in 2022 to study measures,

including reparations, to ensure equity for African American descendants of slavery. Members were appointed throughout 2022, and held an organizational meeting in December. They will continue to meet. (20 ILCS 405/405-540(f); undated, rec'd Jan. 2023, 2 pp.)

Hiring of formerly incarcerated persons by state vendors, FY 2022

All state bid invitations must encourage state vendors to hire formerly incarcerated persons, and vendors must self-report on those employed. CMS emailed all vendors registered in the state's electronic procurement system and received 36 responses, in which 36 vendors reported hiring 68 formerly incarcerated persons. CMS continues to gather data and encourage vendor self-reporting. (30 ILCS 500/45-70; undated, rec'd Jan. 2023, 3 pp.)

Hiring of veterans by state vendors, FY 2022

All state bid invitations must encourage state vendors to hire veterans and self-report

on them. CMS emailed all vendors registered in the state's electronic procurement system and received 65 responses. The 65 respondents reported hiring a total of 963 veterans. CMS continues to explore alternative ways to gather data and encourage vendors to report. (30 ILCS 500/45-67; undated, rec'd Jan. 2023, 2 pp.)

State employee child care centers annual report, 2022
Illinois has two on-site child care centers for employees' children—one each in Springfield and Chicago. The Chicago center in the Bilandic Building cares for children ages 2 through 12. In addition to year-round care, it provides a summer camp for school-aged children. The Center currently has some vacancies. The Springfield center in the Willard Ice Building cares for children from 6 weeks to 5 years. Capacity is 43; there is a long waiting list. State employees can use flexible spending accounts for the costs. (30 ILCS 590/3; undated, rec'd Jan. 2023, 4 pp.)

State printing report summary, FY 2022
CMS reported printing 1,323 copies of state agency annual reports in FY 2022 at a total cost of \$3,790. Fewer agencies are having reports printed by CMS's Printing Unit because CMS recommends posting reports online, or printing them in-house or through another agency. (30 ILCS 500/25-55; undated, rec'd Jan. 2023, 2 pp.)

State Use Program annual report, FY 2022
This program promotes employment of people with disabilities by contracting with nonprofit organizations for goods and services. State agencies spent over \$64 million on such contracts in FY 2022, employing 1,460 disabled persons for 790,264 hours. The report lists 50 approved program vendors. (30 ILCS 500/45-35(c)(4); undated, rec'd Jan. 2023, 3 pp.)

Children and Family Services, Dept. of
Administration of psychotropic medications to children, FY 2022

DCFS reports annually on the prescription by doctors, or administration by facilities, of psychotropic drugs to children in foster care without the DCFS Guardian's consent (in violation of the law). There were 181 violations in FY 2022, involving 239 medications that were out of compliance. For the 22,486 psychotropic medication requests in FY 2022, the compliance rate was 98.9%. About 74.4% were approved as written; 13.0% were approved as modified; 8.1% were rescinded by providers; and 4.4% were denied. (20 ILCS 535/15; Dec. 2022, rec'd Jan. 2023, 2 pp.)

Commerce Commission, Illinois
Electricity, gas, water, and sewer utilities annual report, 2022
Major electric utilities' 2021 average prices per kilowatt-hour

(kWh) were: Commonwealth Edison, 12.79¢; MidAmerican Energy, 7.79¢; Ameren Illinois, 10.46¢; and Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company (MCPU), 14.58¢. Major gas utilities' 2021 average prices per therm were: MidAmerican Energy, 84.41¢; Nicor Gas, 77.60¢; North Shore Gas, 84.17¢; Peoples Gas, \$1.23; Ameren Illinois, \$1.16; Consumers Gas, 82.01¢; Illinois Gas, 76.64¢; Liberty Utilities, 95.03¢; and MCPU, \$1.09. The report includes a review of Commission activities; examinations of the utility industry and energy planning; and information on effects of federal actions on state utility services. It has no legislative recommendations. (220 ILCS 5/4-304; issued & rec'd Jan. 2023, 76 pp. + 2 appendices)

Low-Income Discount Rate Study Report, 2022
The Commission was required to study whether low-income discounts for electric and natural gas residential customers are appropriate, and the potential design and implementation of any such rates. It is also authorized to require utilities to implement such rates. It gathered testimony and data from utilities and other interested parties, including estimates from utilities on the potential financial effects. The Commission recommended support for discount rates, and at its December 2022 meeting directed large electric and gas utilities to file such low-income

discount rate tariffs in their next filings and encouraged small utilities to do the same. (220 ILCS 5/9-241; issued & rec'd Dec. 2022, 64 pp. + 2 appendices)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of
Enterprise Zone, High Impact Business and River Edge Redevelopment Zone Programs annual report, 2021

DCEO approved the one enterprise zone application in 2021 that it received in 2020. The Illinois Department of Revenue reported \$177.8 million in forgone state tax revenue from enterprise zones in 2021; \$46.7 million from the High Impact Business Program; and \$810,000 from the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Program. Businesses participating in the enterprise zone program reported investing \$1.5 billion and creating 7,477 jobs; High Impact Business participants reported investing \$196.2 million and creating 635 jobs; and River Edge Redevelopment participants reported \$14.1 million in investments and 31 jobs created. (20 ILCS 655/6, 20 ILCS 655/5.5(h), and 65 ILCS 115/10-6(a)(1); Sept. 2022, rec'd Jan. 2023, 33 pp.)

Illinois Film Office quarterly report, July-Sept. 2022

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 866 management, 3,754 production office, 648 entry-level, 872 talent, and 5,971 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to

2018.) Of 4,172 crew members hired, 28% were minorities and 18% were white women. Reported production spending was \$185.7 million (\$23.3 million commercial; \$159.3 million TV; and \$3.1 million film). The Office encourages educational opportunities for minorities to be trained for film and television work. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd Jan. 2023, 2 pp.)

Live Theater Tax Credit report, July-Sept. 2022

No live theater production spending or job hires was reported for the quarter. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(b); undated, rec'd Jan. 2023, 1 pp.)

Healthcare and Family Services, Dept. of

Payments for services from past years and changes in liabilities, FY 2022

DHFS paid almost \$636 million in FY 2022 for medical services performed in previous years. A 2012 act limited charges for Medicaid services, payable from most state funds, that can be deferred to later fiscal years to \$100 million starting in FY 2014. In FY 2022, DHFS is under that amount at \$10 million in payment of bills received prior to the start of the fiscal year and thus subject to the cap. The report also discusses factors affecting Medicaid costs and the Department's efforts to combat fraud and abuse. (30 ILCS 105/25(e), (g), and (k); Nov. 2022, rec'd Dec. 2022, 1 p. + attachments)

Human Rights and Human Services, Depts. of

Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities annual report, 2021

The Committee was created in 1974, and currently consists of 5 statewide executive officers, 6 state agency representatives, and 7 state employees with disabilities. Its purpose is to help state employees with disabilities and promote employment of people with disabilities by state agencies. The report lists the percentages of employees with disabilities in the state's workforce from 2012 (7.35%) through 2021 (4.95%). The Committee's 2021 accomplishments included a guest speaker series, new employee recruitment, and enactment of new laws helpful to the Committee's goals. (775 ILCS 5/2-106(F); June 2022, rec'd Jan. 2023, 16 pp.)

Human Services, Dept. of

Homelessness prevention report

The Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness and the Illinois Interagency Task Force on Homelessness have implemented Home Illinois, a plan to reduce homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reported 10,431 homeless people in Illinois in 2020, of which 2,278 were unsheltered; 60% of the 10,431 were in Cook County. An analysis showed that about 19,600 more temporary and permanent housing beds are needed to make homelessness rare in Illinois by 2024. The

report describes many activities of the Task Force and its partners. (Exec. Ord. 22-9 (2022); issued & rec'd Dec. 2022, 41 pp.)

Illinois Salary and Staffing Survey of Licensed Child Care Facilities, FY 2021

The report gives results of a biennial survey of the licensed child care workforce, including numbers, qualifications, and average earnings and benefits for caregivers. In FY 2021, 9,027 licensed child care programs in Illinois were surveyed: 2,779 child care centers and 6,248 licensed home day-care centers. About 20% responded. The median hourly wage for full-time employees was \$19 for administrative directors; \$14.29 for early childhood teachers; and \$12 for assistant teachers. The turnover rate for both early childhood teachers and assistant teachers rose from 2019 to 2021. The report also reports on demographics of staff and children, and reasons why employees remained in or left child-care facilities. (20 ILCS 505/5.15(a); undated, rec'd Dec. 2022, 114 pp.)

Juvenile Justice, Dept. of
Quarterly Report, Jan. 2022

In November 2021, 119 youth were in juvenile facilities, below capacity of 915; 309 others were in Aftercare. Enrollment in the general education program was 88, including 40 in special education and 24 in vocational

programs. The ratio of youth to security staff was 2.1 to 1 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 2.5 to 1 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and 4.4 to 1 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The report also gives youth demographic data by sex, race, age, offense class, and committing county. (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-61(b); Jan. 2022, rec'd Nov. 2022, 7 pp.)

Legislative Reference Bureau
Illinois delegation to National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 2022 report

The Commissioners proposed four new uniform acts in 2022: Uniform Alcohol Direct-Shipping Compliance Act; Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act; Model Public Meetings During Emergencies Act; and Uniform Telehealth Act. They also proposed amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code. (25 ILCS 135/5.07; Dec. 2022, rec'd Jan. 2023, 19 pp.)

Lottery, Dept. of the
Annual report, FY 2020

FY 2020 operating revenues were \$2.8 billion—4.4% below the previous year's. Operating income was \$698 million—7.4% below the previous year's. The Lottery attributed the drops to COVID-19 closures and technology upgrade transitions. The Lottery contributed \$690 million to the Common School Fund in FY 2020. The report includes data on sales and transfers, and the FY 2020

independent audit report. (20 ILCS 1605/7.8; undated, rec'd Jan. 2023, 60 pp.)

State Board of Education
Capital Needs Assessment Survey, 2022

The 462 responding elementary, secondary, and unit districts reported \$8 billion in capital needs for building construction, additions, and repairs in the next 2 years, compared to \$6.9 billion from 251 responding districts in the preceding report. The \$8 billion need consists of \$1.9 billion for new construction; \$1.4 billion for repairs and remodeling; almost \$4 billion to meet health-life-safety requirements; and \$782 million for other needs, such as school safety and accessibility measures. Some 1,320 temporary classrooms are being used due to overcrowding; 589 more classrooms are needed for pre-K and kindergarten. (105 ILCS 230/5-60, Dec. 2022, rec'd Jan. 2023, 7 pp.)

Report on radon tests in Illinois public schools, Nov. 2020-Oct. 2022

Eight schools in three districts submitted radon test results. Some 435 test kits were used in 369 rooms. In initial testing, 23 kits at 5 different schools tested above 4.0 picocuries per liter (the level at which state law recommends action). Two of them submitted retest results showing readings well under 4.0 pCi/L. (105 ILCS 5/10-20.48 and 5/34-18.39(c); issued & rec'd Dec. 2022, 3 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

Silver Search annual report, 2021

The Silver Search program was created to raise public awareness and use technology to find missing persons with Alzheimer's or dementia. There is no fiscal liability to the state; all activities are performed under the State Police. The program also works with the State Lottery to distribute missing-person advisories through digital lottery terminals. The Silver Search Task Force met twice in 2021 to discuss statutory obligations, system upgrades, and training needs. Of the 132 endangered missing person advisories issued in 2021, 120 involved people with Alzheimer's or dementia. By January 2022, 131 advisories

were cancelled and one was still outstanding. June had the most advisories (16). Nearly 75% of advisories were for people over age 60. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-485(e)(3); undated, rec'd Nov. 2022, 6 pp.)

State Universities Retirement System

Emerging Investment Managers, FY 2022

On June 30, 2022, 35 of SURS' 87 investment managers (40%) were owned by minorities, women, or persons with disabilities. SURS assets managed by such firms were \$9.3 billion (40.9% of its portfolio, down from 41.6% in FY 2021). The report also lists goals to continue to increase participation by such managers. Appendices report on SURS

board policies, and names of and amounts managed by such managers. (40 ILCS 5/1-109.1; Nov. 2022, rec'd Jan. 2023, 15 pp. + 9 appendices)

Teachers' Retirement System

Final state funding certification, FY 2024

The TRS Board certified two state funding amounts for FY 2024: \$6.0 billion based on law or \$9.6 billion based on actuarial standards. The certifications include assumptions on the impact of the accelerated pension benefit programs in P.A. 100-587 as extended by P.A. 102-718. (40 ILCS 5/16-158(a-5); issued & rec'd Jan. 2023, 2 pp. + attachment)

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