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### **Housing Development**

#### **Authority**

#### *Comprehensive Housing Plan for 2024*

The report identifies four policy priorities: (1) address inequities in housing; (2) advance housing access for priority populations; (3) support economic resiliency and energy efficiency in affordable housing; and (4) build partnerships and leadership capacity to maximize the impact of new housing resources and programs. It summarizes actions and timelines for achieving those goals. (30 ILCS 345/7.5 and 310 ILCS 110/15(c); issued & rec'd Jan. 2024, 29 pp. + 3 appendices)

### **Human Services, Dept. of**

#### *9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Workgroup Action Plan*

The Workgroup was created to advise on how best to structure and evaluate Illinois' 9-8-8 mental health call centers. The new number began in mid-2022. Illinois now has the fifth largest 9-8-8 call center volume nationwide. The Workgroup met 6 times in the second half of 2023, hearing from local 9-8-8 operators and studying

research from other states.

Recommendations include better training for 9-8-8 operators; enacting a telecommunications surcharge to fund 9-8-8 services; and using technology capable of centralizing dispatches and referrals. (405 ILCS 150/10(b); Dec. 2023, rec'd Jan. 2024, 16 pp. + 5 appendices)

#### *Commission on Children of Incarcerated Parents annual report, 2023*

Public Act 102-814, effective January 1, 2023, created the Commission to coordinate and implement recommendations by the Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents. It has met twice and formed four work groups and two committees. (725 ILCS 5/106G-5(e)(4); Dec. 2023, rec'd Jan. 2024, 2 pp.)

#### *Community Emergency Services and Support Act (CESSA) quarterly status report, 4th quarter 2023*

The Act requires emergency response operators to refer calls seeking mental and behavioral health support to a new service that can dispatch mental health professionals in lieu of

police. The Statewide Advisory Committee and 11 Regional Advisory Committees created by the Act are developing guidance, training, and performance measures for dispatchers and mobile crisis response teams, and meeting stakeholders to address concerns. The report lists accomplishments and pending tasks, and discusses challenges and how to address them. (50 ILCS 754/70; Dec. 2023, rec'd Jan. 2024, 19 pp.)

### **Legislative Reference Bureau**

#### *Illinois delegation to National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 2023*

The Commission studies proposed uniform state laws to recommend which should be adopted by the states. It proposed 5 new acts in 2023: Uniform Consumer Debt Default Judgments Act; Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act (intended to supersede the 1993 Act on that topic); Model Public-Health Emergency Authority Act; Uniform Special Deposits Act; and Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act. (25 ILCS 135/5.07; issued & rec'd Dec. 2023, 20 pp.)

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**Public Health, Dept. of***Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership annual report, 2023*

The report describes administrative changes to the Partnership due to passage of the Children's Mental Health Act of 2022, and actions taken to implement the Children's Mental Health Plan for 2022-2027. The Partnership's Youth Council first met in 2023, and developed four recommendations for improving youth mental health. (405 ILCS 49/5(d)(5); Dec. 2023, rec'd Jan. 2024, 15 pp. + attachments)

*Suicide prevention report, FYs 2021-23*

The report summarizes actions the Department and Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance took to implement the state's Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan. It lists four main strategies under the Plan: promote health and empowerment for individuals, families, and communities; support clinical and community suicide prevention services; encourage health care providers to address suicide prevention with patients; and promote suicide prevention research. The report describes accomplishments, recommends next steps, and gives details on suicide rates by age, sex, and ethnicity. (410 ILCS 53/13; issued & rec'd Dec. 2023, 26 pp. + appendix)

**State Board of Education***Early Childhood Prevention Initiative report, FYs 2020-2021*

The program began in 1988 to promote school success by coordinating and expanding services to children up to age 3 in high-risk areas. It served 17,567 children and 18,398 caregivers in FY 2020, and 16,473 children and 13,533 caregivers in FY 2021. The report includes program types, participant demographics, family surveys, and budget and service levels. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.89(c); July 2022, rec'd Oct. 2023, 37 pp.)

*Gender Equity Advisory Committee report*

The Committee was created to work with ISBE to ensure that all students have equal educational opportunities to pursue high-wage, high-skill occupations. It met 9 times and made several recommendations, including increasing career and technical education funding; increasing the number of area career centers; and engaging stakeholders. (105 ILCS 435/2.1(e); issued & rec'd Dec. 2023, 32 pp. + appendix)

*Mental health screening practices in schools, 2023*

P.A. 103-546 (2023) required ISBE to conduct a "landscape scan" of mental health screening practices in Illinois schools, and make recommendations for

implementing screening of all K-12 students. The landscape scan had two elements: (1) a survey sent to 903 public school districts, charter schools, and other education entities (649 responded), and (2) 13 listening sessions. The survey showed that 27.8% of respondents screen all students; 43.2% screen some; and 29% screen none. Some 51% of respondents that screen all students are in the Chicago metro area. Recommendations include taking a phased approach to universal mental health screening of all K-12 public school students. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.196; Dec. 2023, rec'd Jan. 2024, 31 pp. + appendices)

**State's Attorneys' Appellate Prosecutor***Annual report, FY 2023*

The agency filed 968 main briefs and responded to 550 advice calls. The Continuing Legal Education Unit sponsored or co-sponsored 6 CLE seminars. The Special Prosecution Unit helped with 1,535 cases in 92 counties. The Tax Objection Unit handled 110 matters for 23 counties. (725 ILCS 210/4.06; Dec. 2023, rec'd Jan. 2024, 26 pp.)

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