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Board of Higher Education

Annual report, July 2024-June 2025

FY 2026 higher education appropriations included a \$10 million increase for the Monetary Award Program (MAP); a \$38 million increase for public universities; and a \$9 million increase for community colleges. In FY 2025, IBHE launched a pilot direct admissions program in which community college transfer students and high school seniors received admission offers without having to submit applications. Over 65,000 direct admission offers were made from January to June 2025. Also in FY 2025, 741 students received Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity scholarships. (110 ILCS 205/9.04; filed by IBHE Dec. 2025, rec'd by CGFA Dec. 23, 2025, 6 pp.; HUL)

Budgeting for Results Commission

Annual report, 2025

The report describes the Commission's role in the

state budget process, and in collecting and reviewing state program performance data. In the 2025 spring session, the Commission proposed the repeal or modification of 15 statutory mandates and 35 state treasury funds. It also hosted its annual public hearing, and heard briefings by subject matter experts throughout the year. Commission priorities for 2026 are listed. (15 ILCS 20/50-25; filed by the Commission Nov. 1, 2025; rec'd by CGFA Dec. 11, 2025, 22 pp. + 4 appendices; DON)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Cannabis social equity program annual report, 2025

The program makes loans to help cannabis business license applicants who have been or have family who have been arrested for cannabis offenses; or who come from areas of high poverty and high cannabis offense arrest rates. DCEO has granted over \$23 million to 54 dispensaries, craft growers,

infusers, and transporters.

A round of direct loans is planned, plus an offering of technical assistance to help cannabis businesses grow. (410 ILCS 705/7-15(e); filed by DCEO Dec. 31, 2025, rec'd by CGFA Jan. 5, 2026, 10 pp.; HUL)

Urban Weatherization Program, 2024

The program is intended to offer work opportunities and reduce energy use in urban households by weatherization. It has not been funded, and no grants have been made, since November 2016. (30 ILCS 738/40-40(h); undated, rec'd by CGFA Dec. 9, 2025, 1 p.; DON)

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Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity

Annual report, school year 2023-24

The Consortium involves 62 higher education institutions with a purpose of expanding the early childhood workforce. In school year 2023-24, 4,694 recipients got \$76.4 million in scholarships. Institutions are encouraged to use Consortium grants to eliminate student debt; 1,509 early childhood students received debt relief in 2023-24. The Consortium also held over 1,000 outreach events with current workers. The report gives data on student populations aided by the Consortium, its funding and budget, and future goals. (110 ILCS 28/30; filed by the Consortium Dec. 19, 2025, rec'd by CGFA Dec. 22, 2025, 36 pp. + 6 appendices; AER)

Human Services, Dept. of Community Emergency Services and Support Act (CESSA) quarterly report, Oct.–Dec. 2025

The Act requires 911 emergency operators to refer calls for mental health and behavioral health support to the 988 call service, which can dispatch mental health professionals in lieu of police. Pilot sites have implemented new dispatching procedures, and operators continue getting training. The first post-pilot activities began at 23 sites, including three informational meetings. Over 300 behavioral health crisis calls were transferred to 988

for response by October 31, 2025. The number of people that had been trained by December 4, 2025 was 2118. CESSA representatives met three times to review feedback from pilot sites and plan statewide implementation. The report discusses implementation challenges and ways to address them. (50 ILCS 754/70; filed by DHS Dec. 23, 2025, rec'd by CGFA Dec. 23, 2025, 15 pp. + appendix; HUL)

Inspector General report, FY 2025

In FY 2025, DHS's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received 16,877 intake calls—up 10% from FY 2024. It opened 4,275 investigations of abuse or neglect (including death reports), up 5% from FY 2024. Investigations resulted in 381 findings against accused employees (136 findings of abuse, 218 of neglect, 3 of egregious neglect, 18 of financial exploitation, and 6 of material obstruction of investigation). OIG reported findings against 57 employees to the Health Care Worker Registry as required by law. Of 113 requests for reconsideration of findings, OIG denied 92 and granted 21. It visited the 14 DHS facilities and made 23 recommendations (15 for mental health facilities and 8 for developmental facilities). OIG employees increased from 89 in FY 2024 to 114 in FY 2025. (20 ILCS 1305/1-17(v); filed by IDHS Dec. 10, 2025, rec'd by CGFA Dec. 22, 2025, 45 pp. + 3 appendices; AER)

Quarterly stabilization home report, July–Sept. 2025

Short-term stabilization homes offer intensive clinical services to people with intellectual or developmental disabilities experiencing behavioral crises and at risk of homelessness. In the third quarter, 19 persons participated, staying an average of 219 days. Fourteen were discharged, and 86% of them found community placements. (405 ILCS 80/7A-3(b); filed by IDHS Dec. 18, 2025, rec'd by CGFA Dec. 22, 2025, 1 p.; AER)

Legislative Reference Bureau Case report, 2025

The report summarizes 23 recent court decisions affecting the interpretation of the Illinois Constitution or statutes. Decisions of federal courts, the Illinois Supreme Court, and Illinois Appellate Courts are summarized and indexed by case name and statute involved. Highlight: A criminal sentencing provision allows the trial court to impose a sentence lower than the mandatory minimum if, among other required facts, the offense “involves the use or possession of drugs,” retail theft, or driving after license revocation due to unpaid fines. A majority of the Illinois Supreme Court held that the provision does not authorize a below-minimum sentence if the “use or possession of drugs” involved was drug-induced homicide. But the majority recommended legislative action to make the intent unambiguous (25 ILCS 135/5.05; filed by LRB Dec. 2025, rec'd by CGFA Jan. 6, 2026, 25 pp.; WOO)

Illinois delegation to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 2025

The Commissioners study state laws to recommend which should be uniform. They proposed 3 new acts in 2025: Uniform Assignment for Benefit of Creditors Act, Uniform Judicial Interview of Children Act, and Model State Uniform Law Commission Act. (25 ILCS 135/5.07; filed by LRB Dec. 19, 2025, rec'd by CGFA Jan. 6, 2026, 24 pp.; WOO)

Public Health, Dept. of

Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership annual report, 2025
The report describes changes to the makeup of the Partnership, including the appointment of 12

new members, and actions to implement the Children's Mental Health Plan for 2022-2027. The Partnership's Youth Council made six recommendations for improving youth mental health. (405 ILCS 49/5(d)(5); filed by IDPH Dec. 12, 2025, rec'd by CGFA Dec. 15, 2025, 13 pp.; DON)

Mercury-Free Vaccine Act exemption declaration, 2025

The Act allows an exemption to the prohibition on using vaccines known to contain mercury-based products if IDPH expects a shortage. No exemptions were needed in 2025. (410 ILCS 51/15; filed by IDPH Dec. 29, 2025, rec'd by CGFA Jan. 6, 2026, 2 pp.; WOO)

State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor

Annual report, FY 2025

The agency filed 884 main briefs and responded to 1,081 calls seeking advice. Its Continuing Legal Education Unit sponsored or co-sponsored 10 CLE seminars. The Special Prosecution Unit helped with 1,389 cases in 92 counties. The Pretrial Services Unit assisted with 531 Pretrial Fairness Act appeals from 54 counties. The Tax Objection Division handled 104 matters for 19 counties. (725 ILCS 210/4.06; filed by the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor Jan. 5, 2026, rec'd by CGFA Jan. 6, 2026, 27 pp.; WOO)

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