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### **Aging, Dept. on**

*Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2024*

Under the Act, agencies must report demographic information on participants in each of their major programs. In an earlier report, the Department identified three major programs for analysis. This report gives demographic data on participants in those programs where available. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(e); June 2024, rec'd Oct. 2024, 10 pp.)

### **Cannabis Regulation Oversight Office**

*Cannabis annual report, 2024*

The Office, which coordinates state agencies involved in adult-use and medical cannabis, compiled annual reports required from those agencies. The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation licensed 82 new dispensaries and reported \$1.7 billion in adult-use cannabis sales in FY 2024. The Department of Agriculture has

issued licenses for 21 adult-use cultivation centers, 87 craft growers, 55 infusers, 163 transporters, and 10 approved Cannabis Community College Vocational Pilot Program participants. The Illinois State Police conducted 6,166 inspections of licensees in FY 2024. The Department of Public Health is establishing a new medical cannabis patient registry system. The Department of Revenue collected \$457.3 million in tax and assessments from adult-use cannabis licensees in FY 2024. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity reports that the Cannabis Social Equity Loan Program paid \$18.3 million to support 33 social equity loan recipients; two more funding rounds are expected. The Department of Human Services made or continued agreements totaling over \$81 million to address substance abuse and mental health problems, using a portion of adult-use cannabis revenue set aside for that

purpose. (410 ILCS 130/160, 705/7-15(e), and 705/55-80(a) to (d); Sept. 2024, rec'd Oct. 2024, 122 pp. + appendices)

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

*State-owned & surplus real property, FY 2024*

Nine properties totaling about 634 acres were declared surplus. They are available for transfer to state agencies, or to local governments in their counties. Additional information is given on other state-owned properties. (30 ILCS 605/7.1(b); issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 3 pp. + 4 files on disc)

### **Commerce Commission**

*Transportation Regulatory Fund annual report, FY 2024*

The Fund had income of \$14.7 million (\$7.9 million from motor carriers and \$6.8 million from railroads), and spent almost \$14.8 million (\$7.1 million for motor carriers and \$7.7 million for railroads). The report also lists all staff positions paid by the Fund, and

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methods used to allocate funds. (625 ILCS 5/18c-1604; issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 10 pp.)

**Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of**

*Illinois Film Office quarterly report, April-June 2024*

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 907 management, 3,531 production office, 840 entry-level, 673 talent, and 2,519 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2017.) Of 5,117 crew members hired, 32% were minorities and 20% were white women. Reported production spending was \$137.2 million (\$27.5 million commercial; \$104.7 million TV; and \$5.0 million film). The Office encourages education opportunities for minorities to be trained for film and TV work. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd Oct. 2024, 2 pp.)

*Live Theater Tax Credit quarterly report, April-June 2024*

The Illinois Film Office estimates that 1,153 production, 811 entry-level, and 245 management jobs were created for live theater shows claiming state tax credits. (Some people work on more than one project.) Of those, 29% were minorities and 21% were white women. Reported production spending was \$14.7 million (\$6.0 million for pre-Broadway productions;

\$4.0 million for commercial Broadway productions; and \$4.7 million for long-run shows). (35 ILCS 17/10-50(b); undated, rec'd Oct. 2024, 2 pp.)

**Criminal Justice Information Authority**

*Firearm Prohibitors and Records Improvement Task Force report, 2023*

The Task Force is to identify funds that may be available to entities responsible for reporting firearm prohibitors (factors that prohibit the transfer or possession of a firearm) to law enforcement, and to identify gaps in firearm prohibitor reporting. It met seven times between May 2022 and July 2023, and addressed objectives listed in last year's report, including identifying current ways of reporting prohibitors and improvements needed for such reporting. The report describes several next steps for the Task Force, including identifying the prohibitors most used by the State Police; considering consequences for entities failing to report; assessing capacity to build a central webpage to assist mandated reporters; and making recommendations for improvements to laws on firearms prohibitors. (20 ILCS 3930/7.9(d); undated, rec'd Nov. 2024, 20 pp. + 2 appendices)

*Firearm Prohibitors and Records Improvement Task Force report, 2024*

The Task Force met five times between January and June 2024. It recommended adding some elements to the statutory definition of who must report. Next steps include reviewing the system for reporting mental health-related prohibitors; reviewing federal funding opportunities; identifying the prohibitors most used by the State Police; and assessing capacity for a webpage to assist reporters. (20 ILCS 3930/7.9(d); undated, rec'd Nov. 2024, 7 pp. + 3 appendices)

**Public Health, Dept. of**

*Mercury-Free Vaccine Act exemption declaration, 2023*

Due to actual and/or potential shortages, IDPH filed a Declaration of Exemption allowing use of these vaccines containing mercury-based products: tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td), and multi-dose of the influenza vaccine formulations for the 2023-24 flu season. (410 ILCS 51/10(3); Dec. 2023, rec'd Oct. 2024, 4 pp.)

*Opioid overdose semiannual report, 2023*

This report has data on non-fatal opioid overdoses of Illinois residents from 2023 through March 2024. Final data on Illinois fatalities had not been compiled; national

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drug overdose deaths declined from 111,029 in 2022 to 107,543 in 2023. The 12-month rolling average through March 2024 of non-fatal overdoses in Illinois had a similar decreasing trend. The report also shows non-fatal overdoses by Illinois region, and gives a warning about a new adulterant called medetomidine being combined with unregulated opioids. (210 ILCS 85/6.14g(d); June 2024, rec'd Oct. 2024, 9 pp.)

### **State Board of Education**

#### *Incentivizing dual language education and instruction in schools, 2024*

The state now has about 145 dual language programs. English Learner students have steadily increased to about 235,000. The report describes dual language programs' types, goals, and benefits. It also makes legislative recommendations for improving and expanding dual language education in

the state, separated into three categories: short-term no-cost recommendations, short-term low-cost recommendations, and long-term recommendations that would need new funding. (105 ILCS 5/14C-13; issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 34 pp. + appendices)

### **State Board of Investment**

#### *Economic opportunity investments, FY 2024*

The Board's investments in Illinois companies were worth \$463.6 million (1.78% of its total controlled assets). They consisted of \$253.1 million in public equity and fixed income; \$133.5 million in private equity; and \$77.0 million in real estate. Illinois-based investment managers controlled \$782.5 million (3.00%) of assets entrusted to the Board. (40 ILCS 5/1A-108.5(c); Aug. 2024, rec'd Oct. 2024, 18 pp.)

### **Treasurer, Office of the Illinois-based construction procurements, FY 2024**

The State Treasurer's two construction procurements in FY 2024, for work at the Old State Capitol, were both with Illinois businesses. Actions by the Office to increase use of Illinois construction businesses include direct solicitation, coordination with the Capital Development Board, and requesting information from bidders on prior projects in Illinois. (30 ILCS 500/45-105(d); Aug. 2024, rec'd Oct. 2024, 2 pp.)

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