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REPORT DIGEST

ILLINOIS EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1993

SYNOPSIS

• The Board exceeded its appropriation authority by failing to pay telecommunication invoices totalling \$13,692 in FY 92 and \$12,356 in FY 93. The invoices were not paid because appropriations for telecommunication costs were exhausted.

ILLINOIS EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD COMPLIANCE AUDIT

For The Two Years Ended June 30, 1993

EXPENDITURE STATISTICS	FY 1993	FY 1992	FY 1991
Total Expenditures (All Funds)	\$1,098,742	\$1,258,370	\$1,299,005
OPERATIONS TOTAL	\$1,098,742	\$1,258,370	\$1,299,005
	100%	100%	100%
Personal Services	\$754,881	\$803,128	\$834,069
	69 <i>%</i>	64%	64%
	20	22	24
Other Payroll Costs (FICA, Retirement)	\$115,880	\$107,262	\$96,635
	10%	9%	8 <i>%</i>
Contractual Services	\$152,878	\$295,561	\$289,283
	14%	23%	22 <i>%</i>
All Other Operations Items	\$75,103	\$52,419	\$79,018
	7%	4%	6%
GRANTS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
	0%	0%	0%
Cost of Property and Equipment	\$352,876	\$332,221	\$342,016

SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES F	Y 1993 F	Y 1992 F	Y 1991
Representation Cases Filed	115	115	125
Unfair Labor Practice Cases Filed	778	596	527
School Strikes	13	26	14

AGENCY DIRECTOR(S)

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During Audit Period: Julie Hughes (Acting), John Albrecht (effective 1/92)

Currently: John Albrecht

INTRODUCTION

The Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board was created by the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. The Board consists of a chairman and two members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board has jurisdiction over collective bargaining matters between educational employees and public school educational employers. The Board's primary responsibilities under the Act are to process representation petitions, including conducting elections; to process unfair labor practice charges; and to process mediation/arbitration requests.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FAILURE TO PAY TELECOMMUNICATION INVOICES

The Board exceeded its appropriation authority by failing to pay telecommunication invoices totalling \$13,692 in FY 92 and \$12,356 in FY 93. The Board did not pay the invoices because appropriations for telecommunication costs were exhausted.

The Board responded that its appropriations for telecommunication costs had been reduced to a level where the appropriations did not cover telecommunication costs and reductions in other lines did not leave sufficient surplus to fully cover telecommunication costs. The Board further responded that the current level of telecommunications usage is necessary to continue to process the Board's case load. (Finding 1, page 9)

OTHER FINDING

Our report contained one other finding addressing the Board's failure to timely remit cash receipts to the State Treasurer for deposit. The Board has agreed to implement procedures to ensure receipts are deposited within required timeframes. (Finding 2, page 11)

We will review the Board's progress towards the implementation of our recommendations in our next audit. Responses to our findings and recommendations were provided by Mr. John Albrecht, Executive Director.

AUDITORS' OPINION

Our auditors state that the financial statements of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board Fair Share Trust Fund are fairly presented as of and for the years ended June 30, 1993 and 1992.

WILLIAM G. HOLLAND, Auditor General

WGH:GSS:pp June 28, 1994

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS

Number of	This Audit	Prior Audit
Audit findings	2	0
Repeated audit findings	N/A	0
Prior recommendations implemented		
or not repeated	N/A	2

SPECIAL ASSISTANT AUDITORS

McGreal, Johnson and McGreal were our special assistant auditors for this audit.