

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DISABILITY RIGHTS BUREAU INVESTIGATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY REPORT ON FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Public Act 101-537 took effect on August 23, 2019. It requires that by July 31 each year, the Attorney General's office must provide data about the office's efforts to enforce the Environmental Barriers Act, 410 ILCS 25/1 et seq. This report includes data regarding enforcement of the Environmental Barriers Act during fiscal year 2024-2025, as well as other enforcement and technical assistance activity.

INVESTIGATION ACTIVITY				
Total Number of Open Investigations	464			
Total Number of New Complaints Received	301			
Physical Accessibility Complaints Received	54			
Disability Discrimination Complaints Received	247			
Most Frequent Physical Accessibility Complaints Received Under Investigation (listed in descending order starting with the most frequent)	Parking Accessible Route Signage Entrances Built-in counters/seating Controls, operating mechanisms Vertical Accessibility Bathrooms, Bathing Facilities Doors (interior) Ramps Toilet Rooms Drinking Fountains/Water Coolers Elevators Sidewalks			
Most Frequent Disability Discrimination Complaints Received Under Investigation (listed in descending order starting with the most frequent)	Service Animals Public Entities - Policies & Practice Businesses - Policies & Practice Housing Accommodations Effective Communication Court Accommodations Employment Accommodations Assistive Technology			

LITIGATION ACTIVITY		
Fair Housing Cases enforcing the Illinois Human Rights Act	17	
Public Accommodations cases enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Illinois Human Rights Act	0	

CONSTITUENT CONTACTS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND REFERRALS PROVIDED			
Technical Assistance Telephone Lines Springfield and Chicago	1,350 calls		
Constituents' General Email Inquiries Directed to the Bureau	27 constituent emails		
Bureau's Written Correspondence to Constituents	143 letters sent		

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION			
Name of Committee	Statutory Basis		
Access and Functional Needs Advisory Committee	20 ILCS 3305/23 new		
Community Residential Services Authority Committee	105 ILCS 5/14-15.01		
Due Process Screening Committee	105 ILCS 5/14-8.02c		
Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities	775 ILCS 5/2-106		
Disability Access Committee, Access to Justice Commission, Illinois Supreme Court	By Invitation		
Disability Access Subcommittee, Pro Se Committee Cook County Circuit Court	By Invitation		
Illinois ADA Project Steering Committee	Non-statutory		
Pro Se Committee of the Cook County Circuit Court	By Invitation		
Special Education Advisory Committee to the Attorney General	Non-statutory		

Disability Rights Bureau Presentations and Trainings Summary Fiscal Year July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025

PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS				
Date	Торіс	Host/Location	Audience	
July 8, 2024	Illinois Court Disability Coordinator Statewide Training 2024	Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, Chicago	Court Disability Coordinators	
July 23, 2024	The Illinois Restroom Access Act: A Colleague's Story of Disability Advocacy	Office of the Illinois Attorney General Via Zoom	Employees of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General	
October 16, 2024	2018 IAC & 2010 ADA Standards Plumbing Elements	Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Association, Addison	Licensed Plumbers and Code Officials	
October 24, 2024	2018 IAC & 2010 ADA Standards Plumbing Elements	Backflow Symposium Hosted by SIU Continuing Education Program, Bloomington	Licensed Plumbers, Architects, Engineers, and Code Officials	
November 13, 2024	Informational Webinar for Veterans Advocates and Service Organizations	Office of the Illinois Attorney General Via Zoom	Veterans, Veterans Advocates, and Veterans Service Organizations	
May 9, 2025	2018 IAC & 2010 ADA Standards Plumbing Elements	Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Association, Peoria	Licensed Plumbers and Code Officials	
May 23, 2025	Disability Rights in the Courthouse 101	Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, Peoria	All New Illinois State Judges	

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