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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Detection of Deception Examiners Act (225 ILCS 430), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2022. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Detection of Deception Examiners Act (225 ILCS 430) should be allowed to sunset. It is not apparent that the role of detection of deception examiners is vital to the health, safety and welfare of the public to a degree that justifies the continued regulation of this profession. If state agencies require detection of deception services, they can locate them via the American Polygraph Association website. The APA establishes standards of ethical practices, techniques, instrumentation of research, as well as provides advanced training and continuing education programs for detection of deception examiners in Illinois.

Additionally, Illinois caselaw provides that the prejudicial effects of polygraphs substantially outweigh the probative value of admitting such testimony. Because such services are unlikely to generally provide a benefit to the state, regulating them will not change or improve their evaluative value in a meaningful manner.

The full report provided by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,  
JB Pritzker  
Governor