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Gambling Alert - June 23, 2022



Gambling poses problems for 1M Illinoisans

SPRINGFIELD – More than a million Illinois residents either have a gambling problem or are at risk of developing one, according to the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS). Conducted by Health Resources in Action, the assessment reports on the prevalence of different types of gambling in the state, the availability of treatment and other services, the prevalence of problem gambling among different groups, and overall attitudes about gambling.

The study found that 68% of adult Illinoisans reported gambling in the past year, with the state lottery being the most popular form. Gambling at video gaming terminals and online sports betting has shown significant growth, the report states. [Read](#)

Former Illinois state senator sentenced to one year in prison, here's why

A federal judge in Chicago handed down a one-year prison sentence Tuesday for a former state senator who once chaired the Senate Labor Committee. Tom Cullerton, a Villa Park Democrat, pleaded guilty earlier this year to one count of embezzlement for receiving salary and benefits from Teamsters Joint Council 25 as a purported union organizer even though he admitted to doing

little or no work for the union.

In addition to his prison sentence, U.S. District Judge Robert W. Gettleman also ordered Cullerton to repay the union \$223,828, an amount that reflected the fact that he had previously made a \$25,000 restitution payment. which they said would reflect the seriousness of the crime. In a court filing earlier this month, they noted that after Cullerton lost his job at Teamsters Joint Council 25, he took another “do-nothing” job as a salesman for a video gaming company in 2017 where he received a salary of \$1,000 a week, an amount that was later doubled to \$2,000 a week, even though he brought in little if any business for the company. He was not charged in relation to those payments. [Read](#)

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