

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Public Act 188 of 2010
Section 303
Database Systems Data Usage and Communications

Section 303 - It is the intent of the legislature that the quantity of database systems in use by the department be optimal for efficient data usage and communications. By March 1, 2011, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on the status of the plan to implement secure, encrypted, Internet-based database systems that can electronically communicate with each other and with other law-enforcement-related databases by September 30, 2011.

The Department is currently engaged in business owner beta testing of web enabled OMNI that will allow controlled access to portions of OMNI from the internet. Testing is tentatively scheduled to be completed by March 30, 2011. Application training and rollout is anticipated to occur late Fall 2011.

The Department began joint application design (JAD) sessions to define business requirements for items to be included in the application development. This will include information sharing with local prosecutor's regarding prisoners nearing consideration of parole as well as parole decisions made by the Parole Board. Additionally, an interface to the Department's risk and needs assessment instrument is being planned.

At least 609 law enforcement agencies continue to have access to the Department's offender data electronically through the LEIN system, either directly or indirectly. The LEIN system provides an integrated manner in which law enforcement can obtain information from multiple information sources. This is secure and accessible independent of the type of software system utilized by each law enforcement agency and accessible from a desktop or patrol vehicle.