

## **Report to the Legislature**

### **Pursuant to P.A. 207 of 2018**

#### **Article V, Section 908**

#### **Online High School Pilot**

Sec. 908. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall establish a pilot online career high school education program to serve up to 400 inmates through a regionally accredited public or private school district that offers career-based online high school diplomas designed to prepare adult inmates for transition into the workplace. The district chosen for the pilot shall be paid a specified amount per inmate per course successfully completed by the inmate. The department may use federal funds provided to educate inmates to expand this pilot beyond 400 inmates. The department shall provide an initial report no later than June 1 regarding the progress of the inmates in the online high school diploma and career certificate programs to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the legislative corrections ombudsman, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office.

In consultation with the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was released to find a private contractor to establish the Online High School Pilot. The RFP received only one responsive bid in March of 2018 and after consultation with the Joint Evaluation Committee, it was determined that an amended RFP would be issued to attract additional bidders. As a result, the Online High School Pilot is not yet operational and there is no student progress to report. The pilot will be in place prior to the end of FY '19.