

**Report to the Legislature**

**Pursuant to P.A. 166 of 2020**

**Section 908**

**Optional Online High School Pilot**

Sec. 908. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department may establish a pilot online high school diploma and career certificate program to serve up to 400 inmates through a provider that offers career-based online high school diplomas designed to prepare adult inmates for transition into the workplace. If a bid is awarded, the department shall provide an initial report no later than June 1 on the progress of the inmates in the online high school diploma and career certificate program to the senate and house subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the legislative corrections ombudsman, and the state budget office.

The Michigan Department of Corrections previously conducted Requests for Proposals for an Online High School pilot on two occasions. On both occasions, the Department failed to find a bidder who would agree to contract terms that were in the best interest of students, the state or taxpayers. The Department made the determination that it would not pursue an additional pilot during the current fiscal year, so there is no data to report related to online high school programming.