

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
Pursuant to P.A. 166 of 2022  
Article 2, Section 304  
Staff Savings Initiative Program

Section 304. The department shall maintain a staff savings initiative program in conjunction with the EPIC program for employees to submit suggestions for efficiencies for the department. The department shall consider each suggestion in a timely manner. By March 1, the department shall report on process improvements that were implemented based on suggestions that were recommended for implementation from the staff savings initiative and EPIC programs. An employee whose suggestion is implemented by the department shall receive noncompensatory recognition for their efforts.

**NOTE: *All EPIC Teams resumed that were previously put on hold due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.***

**NOTE: *There were no staff saving recommendations submitted to the EPIC Section over the last year.***

**The Technology EPIC team has been established to research and review technology that may improve efficiencies within the department. The team receives suggestions from staff and researches cutting edge technology that would improve operations and prepare individuals for success. The team is developing a technology roadmap to be able to evaluate suggestions faster.**

- Electronic “Read and Sign” process via State of Michigan Learning Center allows for all staff to receive an electronic copy of updated policies and procedures and documents that they have been read.
- Virtual Quality Assurance Checks for Prisoner Programming.
- Children’s Visitation Tablet were purchased by the Prisoner Benefit Funds to provide educational and age appropriate games to improve in person visits and to improve sanitation in the visiting room. The tablets allow more interaction between the prisoner and the child.
- Honeywell Orbit Scanner- The scanner is being piloted at all Jackson facilities for use in food service to improve meal tracking scanning operations.