

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
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Database Systems Data Usage and Communications - 2nd Quarter

Section 303 of 2008 P.A. 245 requires the Department of Corrections report quarterly, on its 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, 2009.

In August 2006, the Department finalized a plan to web-enable the OMNI application to allow controlled access to portions of OMNI from the Internet. The internet-based application will serve the following needs within the context of the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry initiative (MPRI):

- Provide background information on the offender
- Provide transitional case planning information including risk assessment, criminogenic needs, “protection factors” or strengths (e.g., job skills, family support) and records relating to the offender’s position of essential documents, proposed housing, child support obligations, income support, and criminal detainers
- Provide a mechanism by which authorized community providers can access case information during parole supervision

Contractors are continuing programming efforts and the Department is seeking another contractor through the State’s Re-Start program to augment the four existing contractors. To achieve the MPRI goals, certain data elements must first exist in the OMNI desktop version prior to being deployed as a web application. Therefore, programmers are making changes simultaneously to the OMNI desktop version while developing a web OMNI prototype.

The OMNI web application will not replace the OMNI client/server desktop application. Instead, OMNI Web is designed to provide a means to access specific data elements through a web interface. Access is limited to those individuals who are expressly given access rights to view offender information.

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 continues to be an efficient manner in which to provide Corrections information on offenders to the law enforcement community as it is secure, accessible independent of the type of software system utilized by each law enforcement agency and accessible from a desktop or patrol vehicle.