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The Honorable Bruce Caswell, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable David Agema, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative Agema:

Section 295(3) of 2010 Public Act No. 190 requires that by September 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget and the senate and house fiscal agencies and policy offices on the number of individuals with criminal justice disqualifications inappropriately accessing benefits that were identified through the use of the Bridges and the law enforcement information network system (LEIN).

The department is unable to provide the requested data at this time because the legislation that will amend the Social Welfare Act (Public Act 280 of 1939) to allow an interface between the Michigan State Police LEIN system and the Department of Human Services' Bridges system, has not yet been signed into law. As of September 8, 2011, the House bill (HB 4721) had just passed the Senate Families Sub-Committee and was going to the Committee of the Whole. As of September 22, 2011, the tie-barred Senate version (SB 522) had passed both chambers and was being returned to the Senate to be enrolled and sent to the Governor for signature.

The department has made all necessary system changes to allow for the Bridges/LEIN interface so that once the legislation is enacted, the interface can go live immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 373-7787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Kangas".

Susan Kangas
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies
Senate and House Policy Offices
State Budget Director