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The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
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The Honorable Earl Poleski, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator MacGregor and Representative Poleski:

This report is provided pursuant to the Department of Human Services' (DHS') Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations Act, PA 252 of 2014, Article X, Section 703(4). This section requires that DHS, in collaboration with the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) and the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB), submit a report by March 1 of the current fiscal year on the status of the implementation items described in subsections (1) and (2) which read as follows:

- (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for juvenile justice vision 20/20, the department shall allocate \$1,000,000.00 for the information technology services and projects described in subsection (2). Any unexpended or unencumbered funds appropriated for the services and projects described in subsection (2) are considered work project appropriations and are available for expenditure in the succeeding fiscal year.
- (2) The department shall use the funds to implement a data exchange for use by DHS, circuit and probate courts, private juvenile justice agencies, and the state court administrative office under the guidance of appropriate data sharing agreements. The data exchange system would track statistical and demographic data on juveniles referred to the family division of the circuit court, otherwise known as the juvenile courts after successful implementation and evaluation of the existing pilot database in Ottawa, Kalamazoo, Kent, Ionia, and Berrien Counties. The following is in compliance with section 451a (1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:
 - (a) The purpose of the project is to implement a new juvenile justice data sharing model that will track data on juveniles referred to the courts.
 - (b) The project will be accomplished by local court staff, state employees, contracts with private vendors, and juvenile justice stakeholders.

- (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$5,550,000.00.
- (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2019.
- (e) The data exchange shall be compatible with MiSACWIS (Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System).

Subsection (1) Status Update

DHS allocated \$1,000,000.00 for the information technology services and projects. On February, 11, 2015, Governor Snyder issued Executive Order 2015-5 which eliminated the \$1,000,000.00 in funding for this initiative as part of a statewide budget reduction.

Subsection (2) Status Update

The funds to implement a data exchange would have been used after the successful implementation and evaluation of a pilot database in Ottawa, Kalamazoo, Kent, Ionia, and Berrien Counties. The department, in conjunction with the state court administrative office and the department of technology, management and budget (DTMB), is currently developing the pilot database. DTMB has mobilized the services of the following DTMB teams: Enterprise Architecture Team (EASA); Michigan Cyber Security (MCS); Solutions Design Team (SDT); Project Management Office (PMO); Telecom; and Center for Shared Solutions, Infrastructure and Technical Services. The intent of this team approach is to secure the data being transmitted. Data sharing agreements would be executed between DHS, DTMB, SCAO, and the five pilot counties.

There are seven stages/major milestones that must be completed in order to implement the database. The first of four of the seven stages have been completed:

Major Stages/Milestones

1. **Initiation & Planning**: During this stage, the project team agreed upon a project charter which detailed the purpose, objective and scope of the project.
2. **Requirements Definition**: During this stage, system requirements were documented.
3. **Functional Design**: During this stage, the technical team met and agreed upon the location in which the system will reside within DTMB. The team chose the most secure zone within DTMB to house the system. Enterprise Architecture Solutions Assessment document approval was received.
4. **System Design**: During this stage, the team agreed upon how the system will function complete.
5. **Construction**: During this stage, the vendor, Open Justice Broker Consortium (OJBC), will help set up a broker that will act as an intermediary to accept a query made by a county court. The broker will then transmit this query to the other counties to gather the information, compile the data in an XML format, and transmit it back to the querying county. An XML format, "Extensible Markup Language," is a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format which is both human-readable and machine-readable.
6. **Testing**: During this stage, pilot counties will test the system by accessing the broker.
7. **Implementation**: During this stage, the system goes live.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Herman McCall, Juvenile Justice Programs director, at (517) 335-3489.

Sincerely,



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