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Michigan State Senate
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Lansing, MI 48909

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed Enrolled Senate Bill 1153, the general appropriations bill for the Department of Corrections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. I have, however, disapproved two items pursuant to Section 19 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The specific item vetoes are contained in the attached copy of the bill, which has been filed with the Secretary of State.

I am disappointed that the Legislature, once again, did not take action to examine and revise Michigan's sentencing guidelines. Instead of considering reasonable adjustments to lengthy sentences that would not diminish public safety, the Legislature chose an across-the-board reduction to each correctional facility line item without a plan to attain over \$42.1 million in cuts. Cuts of this nature and magnitude could jeopardize the safety and order of the correctional system putting staff, prisoners, and the public in harms way. The cuts included in the budget bill are very aggressive and will be difficult to achieve. I have empowered the department to attempt to find the savings, but not at the cost of public safety.

I have disapproved the following appropriations:

- The interdepartmental grant of \$500,000 made to the Legislature for the Auditor General and associated boilerplate Section 508. I object to using the Department of Corrections budget to fund this general fund item that is more appropriately funded directly within the target for the Legislature.
- Section 933 of the bill appropriates \$50,000 for inmate learning management pilot projects in a prison and a county jail. New spending for pilot projects of this nature cannot be supported while core programs are drastically reduced.

To provide direction regarding implementation of this appropriations act, I

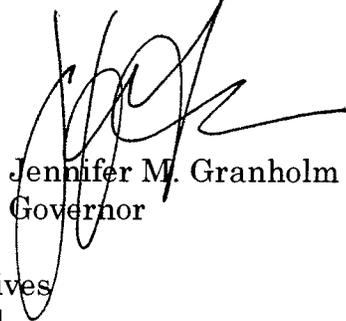
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note the following:

- Sections 434(2) and 927 of the bill purport to impose duties on the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of Human Services, respectively, while the bill provides no appropriations for those departments. The duties purportedly imposed by these sections cannot then be valid conditions on appropriations, appear to be outside the scope of the title and object of the bill, and may violate Const 1963, art IV, §24.

I thank the Legislature for completing this budget.

Respectfully,



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

c: Michigan House of Representatives
The Honorable Terri Lynn Land