

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Public Act 245 of 2008
Section 301(2)
Archived Offender Tracking Information System Data Fee - July

Section 301 (2) of 2008 P.A. 245 requires information removed from the offender tracking information system due to the expiration of three years following release of an offender from the department's jurisdiction shall be retained by the department and maintained in a password-protected archive. Information in the archive shall be made available upon payment of a fee as determined by the department. The department must report quarterly to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on the fees charged and revenue collected under this section.

Summary

Pursuant to Public Act 124 of 2007, Section 301, the department enlisted the assistance of the Michigan Department of Information Technology (MDIT) and modified which offender records were displayed on the department's offender website, the Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS). In July 2008 the change was implemented and offenders were removed from the website if three years had elapsed from the termination of the department's jurisdiction over the offender. Prior to this change, all public convictions were available on the website indefinitely.

Project Status

The OTIS database is stored in a manner in which both the server and database require user authentication to access the data from the OTIS website. Significant programmatic modifications are required to allow the public to submit payment for access to the historical information. This development process also requires compliance with the Payment Card Industry (PCI) data security standard, a set of comprehensive requirements for enhancing payment account data security.

The department is at the initiation phase of the systems development lifecycle, which includes determining project goals, project planning and conducting a feasibility study for economical, operational and technical needs as compared to other pending development information technology projects. This process also includes establishing project priority as compared to other pending information technology projects as they relate to the public safety, economic resources and the department's strategic goals.

A workgroup was convened which reviewed the objectives, scope and critical success factors for this project. It was determined a manual process would be implemented initially, with the intention that an automated system will be developed once this project reaches the priority threshold at which development resources can be assigned. The requestor will print a form from the web site identifying the individual historical record that is requested, and then submit the form with a \$10 money order to the Department

of Corrections for processing. The Department will then print the requested document and return it to the requestor.

OTIS records continue to be available to the public for offenders who are active under the department's jurisdiction or were under the department's jurisdiction within the last three years.

Revenue

No fees have been charged and no revenue has been generated this quarter.