



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT TO THE 2011 LEGISLATURE**

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Act 81 calls for the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to report to the legislature on the implementation and effect of this act on PSD. Accordingly, the data for the last fiscal year is listed below.

- I. If available, data from the sentencing simulation models, such as the one established by Act 267 of 2000, to assess the impact of this Act on prison inmate population.**

This data was not available.

- II. Data showing the effect of this Act on the inmate population in terms of number of inmates committed to the department of public safety's custody, and the anticipated financial impact on the department of public safety.**

In 2008, there were 101 inmates in the category specified by this Act. In 2009 there were 114 inmates incarcerated within PSD in this category. In 2010 there were 125 inmates incarcerated within PSD in this category. Therefore, there was a total of a 24 inmate increase within PSD of inmates in this category over the last three years. While the cost to incarcerate inmates serving longer sentences is proportionate to the length of their sentence, the 24 inmate increase over three years is not a significant increase either in cost or in housing capability for PSD.

- III. Data on the department of public safety's ability to house and care for inmates committed under this Act.**

The increase of 24 inmates committed under this Act over the last three years is not a significant increase, although it will cost more for any increase of inmates with a long sentence to be housed for the longer period of time. No special provisions had to be instituted for this increase, and no special housing had to be found or developed to house these 24 inmates.