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Michigan Senate  
State Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed Enrolled Senate Bill 253, which authorizes expenditures by the Department of State Police during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

I am pleased that this bill provides full funding of the forensic laboratories throughout the state, including funding for additional casework resulting from the closure of the Detroit Crime Laboratory.

I am, however, dismayed with the action taken by the Legislature with respect to eliminating funding in the School Aid Act (MCL 388.1674) for school bus inspections. While I clearly support school bus inspections for the safe transport of students, without proper revenues, school districts and intermediate school districts are left with no resources to pay the Department of State Police for school bus inspection services, resulting in an unfunded mandate. I, therefore, call on the Legislature to appropriate the necessary resources for this critical service in an effort to protect the safety and security of our most precious resource—our children. In the interim, I am directing the State Police to identify resources within the Department's budget for transfer into the school bus inspection program to avoid interruption of this valuable service.

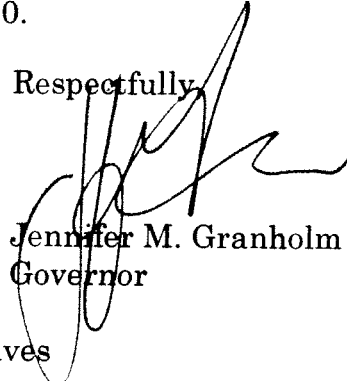
To provide direction regarding the implementation of this appropriations act, I note the following:

- While Section 238 purports to impose conditions upon the Department of Management and Budget, the bill includes no appropriations for the Department of Management and Budget and the provision appears to be outside the scope of the title and object of Senate Bill 253 and unenforceable.
- Sections 211, 213, 218(2), 239, 255, 310, and 1002 of the bill include statements of legislative intent. While the Legislature has the right to state its advice, preferences, or wishes through a statement of intent, such statements do not impose conditions upon appropriations and are non-binding.

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I thank the Michigan Senate for presenting me the fiscal year 2010 budget for the Department of State Police and urge continued work toward completing a fully-funded budget for fiscal year 2010.

Respectfully,



Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

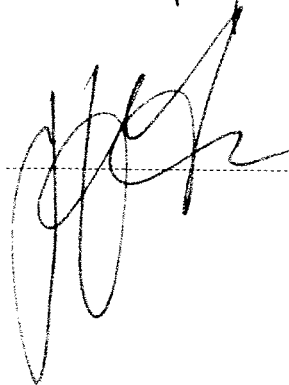
cc: Michigan House of Representatives

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

*Carl Mory Vint*  
Secretary of the Senate

*Rich J. Brennan*  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved *10/29/09 4:20 p.m.*



Governor