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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Representative James and members of House Energy and Digital Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Denise Reilly-Hughes, Agency of Digital Services Secretary

DATE: March 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Department of Corrections IT Project Support

Dear Representative James and committee members,

The House Energy and Digital Infrastructure committee recently heard testimony from Commissioner Deml with the Department of Corrections regarding the department's need to move forward with a workforce improvement project that includes expansion and investment in technology solutions and services. The Agency of Digital Services has been working closely with the Department of Corrections to identify immediate and longer-term efforts to support digitizing workloads and enabling the extension of current IT services throughout the correctional facilities.

As the Secretary of the Agency of Digital Services, I support the Department of Corrections workforce improvement efforts. As we are still assessing the needs and scope of the project with DOC, it's not yet clear what level of funding may be necessary for the project. If any funding is appropriated for this project, I would suggest it be allocated to the ADS IT Modernization Fund. This alignment will help streamline efforts and allow for greater support and visibility on the objectives of this project. I expect reporting to both House Corrections and House Energy and Digital Infrastructure will occur through the term of this project initiative.

Sincerely,
Denise Reilly-Hughes

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