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Subject: Annual Report on Pregnant Female Restraint Reporting as Required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 241.88, Subdivision 3

Dear Legislators:

Minnesota Statutes, section 241.88, subdivision 3, requires that by February 15 of each year the Department of Corrections must submit a report to the legislature on the use of restraints by state and local correctional facilities on women who are pregnant, in labor, or who have given birth in the preceding three days. The use of handcuffs on the front of the body of a pregnant woman is not considered a reportable use of restraints.

A spreadsheet with a listing of each state and local correctional facility's use of restraints is attached for review. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Kelly Haff, Legislative Director, 651-392-7602.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul P. Schnell'.

Paul Schnell, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Corrections

Enclosure

cc: Legislative Reference Library