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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Education Study Committee

FR: Craig J. Johnson

**RE: COMMITTEE REQUEST: PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
REDUCTION IN FORCE**

During the June and July 2011 interim meetings of the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC), a committee member asked for information about the reduction in force (RIF) including:

- the number of employees subject to the RIF that have been rehired;
- the number of employees subject to the RIF that turned down offers of re-employment; and
- the licensure and positions of employees who have taken on the duties of the employees subject to the RIF.

In response to the request, Public Education Department staff emailed the following:

“Due to a reduction in the *General Appropriation Act of 2011* (Laws 2011, Chapter 179) the Department was forced to evaluate how operations could continue with less. The agency has reorganized to ensure that services continue.

The State Personnel Board approved a Reduction in Force on June 10, 2011. The employees affected ranged from administrative staff to managerial staff. As stated above, the Department has reorganized, a list of employees or interns taking on duties of employees affected by the RIF does not exist. All duties of the department are being covered by the reorganized divisions.”