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Division: Commissioner's
           Office

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Welfare Reform Act of 1997

ATTACHMENTS: Organizational Chart
              (available on-line)

The Governor signed the welfare reform legislation, known as the Welfare Reform Act of 1997, on August 20.

One provision that I want to bring to your attention is the elimination of the Department of Social Services.   The Department is replaced by an agency to be known as the Department of Family Assistance.   Within the Department of Family Assistance there will be two independent offices, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).   John Johnson is the commissioner of OCFS and I am the commissioner of OTDA.   These changes are effective immediately.

The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will have three program divisions - Child Support, Temporary Assistance,   and Disability Determinations.   These divisions will be supported by the Division of Program Support and Quality Improvement. The Executive Office will have the Counsel's Office; Budget; Policy, Performance Measurement and Evaluation; Internal Audit, and Public Information/External Affairs directly reporting to the Commissioner. The structure for the new agency is attached.

     As the details of the new organization become available, I will share
the information with you.

     I look forward to working with you on the challenge of implementing the
new welfare reform program in the state.

     Any questions regarding this LCM can be directed to Lorraine Noval at
(518) 474-4152.

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                              Brian J. Wing

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE
OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Organizational Chart

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