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To Gary Goyke:

This draft does not include a provision that requires DOA to submit a report on the access to state business loans for businesses run by people who are blind or visually impaired. I contacted you in mid-September requesting clarification of what is intended by "state business loans." Specifically, I asked whether "state business loans" is intended to refer to loan programs administered by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and, if so, whether the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation should submit the report to the legislature. At this time, I have not received a response from you and am therefore unable to draft the requested provision.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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It is customary to request, rather than require, the Joint Legislative Council to conduct a study. If you would prefer to *require* the Supervised Business Enterprise Program study, please let me know and I will make the change in the next version. Also, I required the study on the Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired to be conducted by March 1, 2014. Please let me know if you prefer a later or sooner date.

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This draft directs DPI, in consultation with DHS, to prepare a report recommending ways to improve the program that assists in the adjustment of adults who have

recently become blind or visually impaired. The draft cites s. 115.525 (3) (c) 4. of the statutes, as requested, but is that the correct provision? It merely directs the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide a summer program each year for adults who are visually impaired.

The draft directs DPI to consult with DHS, rather than the Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired, because the latter is not a statutory entity. Do you want the draft to create the office?

Finally, please note the deadline for submitting the report and let me know if you would prefer a different one.

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