Michigan Department of Corrections

Prison Bed Impact and Cost of

SAI-Prison Program Sunset

AND

Elimination of SAI Program/Facility Funding

Presentation to the House Appropriations Committee

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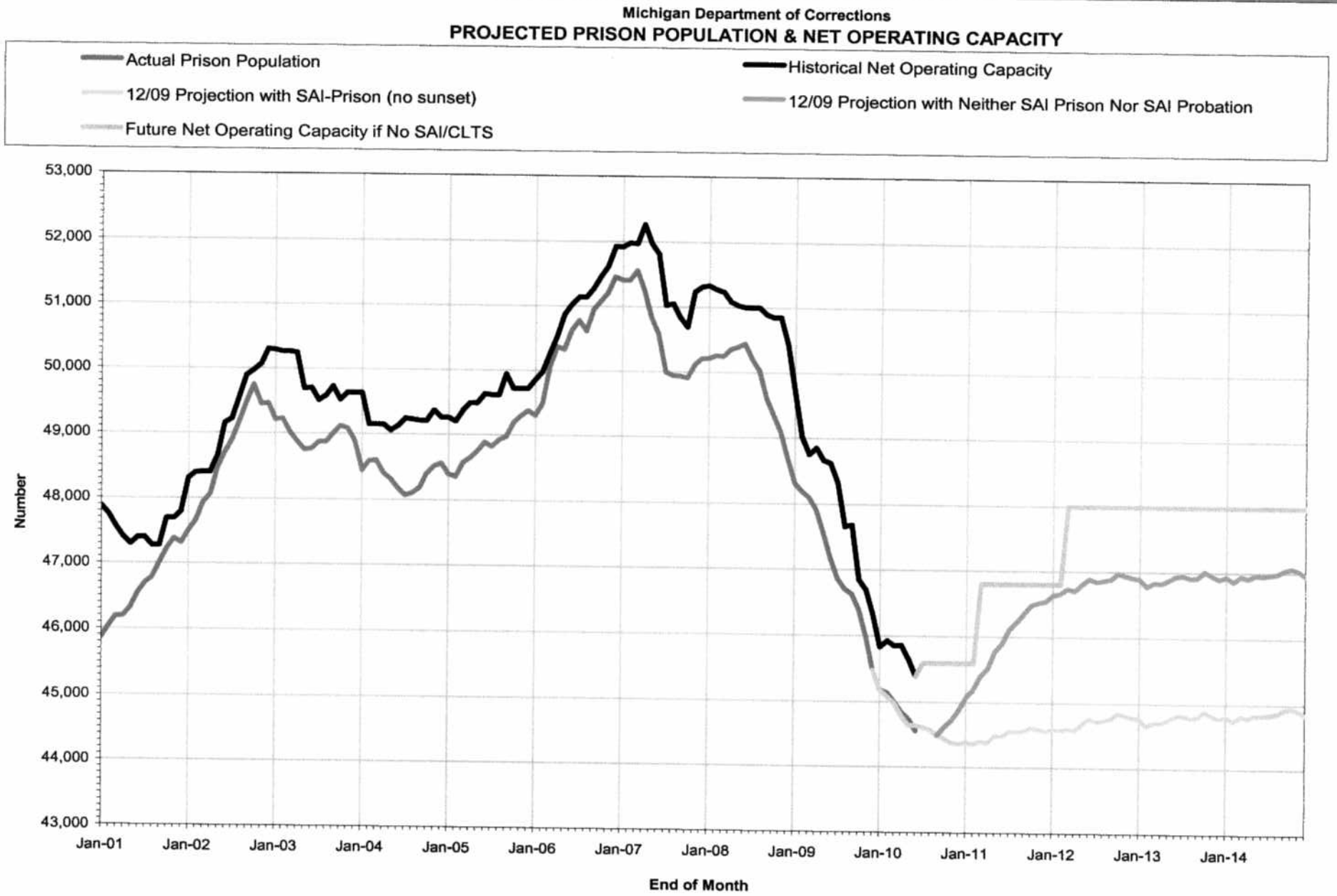
Special Alternative Incarceration (SAI) Intensive Reentry Program

- **The SAI Intensive Reentry Program:**
  - Diverts offenders from the prison system when SAI is imposed as a felony probation sanction by judges.
  - Shortens the term of incarceration for eligible prison inmates, if approved for program participation by the sentencing judge, and upon successful completion of the program requirements.
- Last year, a statutory sunset of the SAI-Prison program was extended to September 30, 2010, in anticipation of the 2nd year of an independent evaluation of the impact of the redesigned program.
- However, SB 1153 as passed by the Senate has now proposed elimination of all SAI program and facility funding for FY 2011, reflecting an assumed savings of about $11M. But if the SAI program sunsets with no funding, then that will actually cost over $32M in FY 2011 and nearly $49M in FY 2012 at full-year cost allocation.
- This is because increased prison admissions and longer lengths of stay for offenders who could no longer participate in the SAI program as probationers or prisoners would cause prison population growth of about 2,100 inmates and reduce capacity because of the lack of funding for the SAI facility, forcing two closed prisons to be reopened.

Baseline Prison Population Projection & Additional Capacity Needed If SAI-Prison Sunsets & All SAI Program/Facility Funding Eliminated