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## Report Summary

### *Performance Audit*

**Report Number:**  
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### *Michigan Virtual University (MVU)*

*In collaboration with the  
Michigan Department of Education (MDE)*

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MVU was established in 1998 as a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation to deliver online education to meet the educational and training needs of selected industries and related employers. MVU's functions and activities have evolved and grown since its establishment and are specifically mandated in State statute. MVU's mission is to advance K-12 digital learning and teaching through research, practice, and partnerships. Working in partnership with hundreds of Michigan schools, MVU offers classes to students and professional development programs for educators through online, Web-based services. MVU operates the Michigan Virtual School (MVS) and the Michigan Virtual Learning Research Institute (MVLRI). MVU refers to itself as *Michigan Virtual* for its marketing purposes.

This audit is the first in a three-part series on virtual learning in Michigan.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective: To assess MVU's compliance with selected State laws.			Complied
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
MVU was unable to receive Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint criminal history record information from the Michigan Department of State Police because of FBI restrictions and, therefore, was unable to fully comply with State laws related to MVS educator criminal history checks ( <u>Finding #1</u> ).		X	Agrees
Section 1481 of the Revised School Code is outdated and in conflict with Section 98 of the State School Aid Act. MVU, with assistance from MDE, needs to seek amendments to the Revised School Code to reflect name and operational changes to the Michigan Virtual High School, now MVS, to help alleviate any unrealistic expectations of MVS for educators, students, and parents ( <u>Finding #2</u> ).		X	Agrees

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