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certification training program. Basic precertification training would be completed at community colleges or other educational institutions prior to enrollment and completion of the basic law enforcement training program. The program will reduce salary training costs at the local level while providing an available pool of qualified and trained applicants to refill law enforcement vacancies on a more timely basis. Fifth, I am proposing additional funds to upgrade the Criminal Justice Information System, giving law enforcement greater access to criminal information and history. As an addition to these members (sic--measures), I am identifying one other priority in the area of public safety. I am proposing to convert carrier enforcement officers to state troopers. I am proposing that this be done in a way that places no additional burden on gasoline tax revenues with a commitment that these troopers will devote their full time to carrier enforcement duties. This proposal is submitted to you for your consideration due to the retention issues that we are facing in the current system. The continuous turnover of carrier enforcement personnel is making it extremely difficult to maintain the integrity of carrier enforcement efforts. I ask that you support these criminal justice initiatives. My final comments in this message will address our state's most important asset, our children. In the past year, I have championed childhood immunizations, sought to ensure access to health insurance for children in low-income families, encouraged adoption, promoted reading to children, sought solutions to the affordability and accessibility of quality childcare, supported mentoring of at-risk children, visited schools and talked to students of all ages. I have toured the Youth Rehab and Training Centers at both Kearney and Geneva, cosponsored the youth violence summit held last summer, and appointed a blue ribbon panel of experts to review the state's infant mortality rate, and sought improvements in the state's juvenile justice system. The health, safety, and development of Nebraska's children is a high priority in this administration. Accordingly, my budget recommendations include a number of investments to secure a better future for our children. Adjustments include additional dollars for childcare, child welfare services, and adoption assistance for families willing to provide caring permanent homes for children eligible for adoption. As an outgrowth of the recently completed Juvenile Facilities Master Plan, I am recommending that either