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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senator Marc Basnight  
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Representative Alice L. Bordsen  
Representative Jimmy L. Love, Sr.

**FROM:**   
Tracy A. Little, Deputy Secretary

**RE:** Matching Funds for Prisoner Reentry Project Grant Award

**DATE:** September 25, 2007

Section 17.12 of Session Law 2007-323 (House Bill 1473) requires the Department of Correction to report to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to using funds to provide the state match needed to receive federal grant funds. Pursuant to section 17.12, the Department reports the need to expend \$150,000 to provide the state match for the Prisoner Reentry Project award from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The Prisoner Reentry Initiative is designed to provide funding to develop and implement institutional and community corrections-based offender reentry programs. The Department of Correction will use this grant award to focus resources on assisting prisoners with the pre-release planning phase. The project will target at least 250 high-risk, high-need male and female offenders and offer a wide variety of wraparound services, including job training and employment programs. The total award is for \$600,000; the state match is \$150,000. The award runs from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010.

Staff members from the Department of Correction are available to answer any questions regarding this grant.

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