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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Marc Basnight
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FROM: *Tracy A. Little*
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DATE: June 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Report on the Need to Use Funds to Provide the State Match
For Federal Grants

Section 16.9 of Session Law 2006-66 (Senate Bill 1741) requires the Department of Correction to report to the Chairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives 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 16.9, the Department reports the need to expend \$88,303.75 to provide the State match for the following grant awards from the Governor's Crime Commission:

Canine Drug Interdiction Program

This is second-year funding of a two-year award that will enable the Division of Prisons to purchase two additional narcotic-detector canines, digital cameras and drug-testing kits for its drug interdiction program. The additional canines allow the Department to increase scheduling of interdictions and facility searches in order to keep drugs out of prison. The cameras allow the Department to better document drug evidence for discipline and prosecution, while the drug-testing kits will allow staff to immediately test contraband found on visitors, staff and inmates during drug interdictions. The award supports second-year funding in the amount of \$17,673.75 and a grant period extension through June 30, 2008; the State match is \$5,891.25.

Continuity of Operations (COOP)

This award allows the Department of Correction to implement the VIPER system and a portable satellite phone system that will allow emergency operations teams to have effective internal communication during escapes and absconder recovery, natural or man-made disasters, prison disturbances and other emergencies. The award also will allow DOC executive administrators and emergency responders to communicate and

interface with local, State and federal law enforcement and emergency agencies. The funding amount is \$289,237.50; the required State match is \$82,412.50.

Staff members from the Department of Correction are available to answer any questions regarding these grants.

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