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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: 
Tracy A. Little, Deputy Secretary

RE: Reimburse Counties for Housing and Extraordinary Medical Costs for
Inmates, Parolees, and Post-Release Supervisees Awaiting Transfer to State Prison
System (S.L. 2007-323, Section 17.6)

DATE: January 9, 2008

Pursuant to Section 17.6 of Session Law 2007-323 (House Bill 1473), the Department of Correction is to report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the expenditure of funds to reimburse counties for prisoners awaiting transfer to the state prison system and on its progress in reducing the jail backlog.

N.C.G.S. §148-29 authorizes the Department to pay \$40 per day to counties for persons awaiting transfer to the state prison system. The Department incurred \$459,240 in backlog expenses for inmates awaiting transfer from October through December 2007. As of January 9, 2008, there is no jail backlog.

Department of Correction staff members are available if further information is requested.

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