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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Marc Basnight
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FROM: *Tracy A. Little*
Tracy A. Little, Deputy Secretary

RE: Report on the Need to Use Funds to Provide the State Match for Federal Grants

DATE: September 17, 2008

Section 17.2 of Session Law 2008-107 (Senate Bill 2436) 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 17.2, the State must expend \$14,000 to provide the State match for second-year funding for a Continuity of Operations Communication (COOP) grant awarded by the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission.

The COOP funding will be used to augment purchases of VIPER and satellite telephone systems for mobile command operations that support the Department of Correction's field operations across the state. The second-year funding award is \$56,000; the required state match is \$14,000.

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

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