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Gov. Perdue Announces Rep. Guice to Head Community Corrections

Moose Named Executive Officer in Adult Corrections

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that Rep. W. David Guice, a Republican from Transylvania County, has been named director of Community Corrections for the new Department of Public Safety. Guice succeeds Tim Moose, who has been named executive officer for the Division of Adult Corrections. Both positions are effective Jan. 1, 2012.

"Government's most important responsibility is public safety," Gov. Perdue said. "Rep. Guice's appointment reflects my continued commitment to protecting our communities and putting the best technology and information in the hands of those on the front lines of that effort. His appointment also highlights how far I am willing to reach across party lines to work together."

"David Guice's leadership will be missed in the House," House Speaker Thom Tillis said, "but I am confident that he will continue to serve our state and our citizens as remarkably as he has in the past."

"I am humbled and appreciate the opportunity to serve in this key role," Guice said. "Many improvements have been made in community corrections under Gov. Perdue's leadership, and I look forward to building on those advances and on the achievements under Tim Moose. I appreciate all the staff's hard work."

Guice has served as a member of the state House of Representatives since 2009. He retired from the Department of Correction in February 2009 following a 30-year career including service as a probation officer, a chief probation parole officer and a parole services manager overseeing operations in 27 western counties.

In the General Assembly Guice served as co-chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Justice and Public Safety and co-chair of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety. He also was the principal sponsor of the Justice Reinvestment Act, which enables the state to more effectively manage the prison population through steps such as changes in the sentencing laws and targeted programming and treatment for high risk offenders.

A native of Buncombe County, he earned his bachelor's degree in social work at Mars Hill College.

Perdue said that Moose "has done an outstanding job as director of Community Corrections and will continue to be a valuable asset on the Adult Corrections leadership team."

"I am excited about the challenge and opportunity to work closely with David and Adult Corrections leadership as we continue moving forward on corrections issues," Moose said.

Moose, who had headed Community Corrections since April 2009, is a 27-year probation veteran who began his career as a probation officer in Wake County. During his tenure, he has managed the division's electronic house arrest program, intensive supervision programs, special operations and legislative and policy issues.

A native of Salisbury, he earned his political science degree at N.C. State University, with a concentration in criminal justice.

In December 2010, Gov. Perdue directed that the departments of Crime Control and Public Safety, Correction and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention be consolidated into one agency to streamline government and reduce duplication. The change becomes effective Jan. 1, 2012.

The new Department of Public Safety will be the largest state agency in North Carolina with more than 25,000 employees. Perdue appointed Reuben F. Young as secretary of the department, which will include three major divisions – Law Enforcement, Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.