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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: 
Tracy A. Little

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 5, 2009

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 \$931,280 in backlog expenses for inmates awaiting transfer from October through December 2008. As of January 5, 2009 there were no inmates awaiting transfer to the state prison system primarily due to the fact that the number of inmates sentenced to prison traditionally declines during the November and December holiday periods.

For FY 2007-08, the Department of Correction expended the following backlog expenses:

Backlog Expenditures (FY 2007-08)

| PERIOD | BACKLOG EXPENDITURES |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| July – September 2007 | \$637,120 |
| October-December 2007 | \$459,240 |
| January-March 2008 | N/A |
| April-June 2008 | \$736,800 |

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

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