North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Prevent. Protect. Prepare.

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor | Reuben F. Young, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Harry Brown, Senator Thom Goolsby, Representative James Boles, Representative N. Leo Daughtry, Representative Shirley B. Randleman

FROM: Jennie L. Lancaster, Chief Deputy Secretary

RE: Community-Based Residential Reentry Program for Inmates Pilot Initiative [Section 19.7 of Session Law 2010-31]

DATE: January 30, 2012

Section 19.7 of Session law 2011-31 authorized the Department of Correction (now known as the Division of Adult Correction in the Department of Public Safety as of January 1, 2012) to contract with a community-based residential facility that provides a range of offender services to pilot a two-year reentry program for selected inmates using available funds. The pilot program was to begin during FY 2010-2011 and end during the FY 2011-2012. Furthermore, the Department was to report on the number of inmates served, the number who successfully complete the program/program services, a cost comparison between placement in a community-based residential facility and incarceration in the State prison system, and may make recommendations regarding continuing placement of offenders in such facilities.

The purpose of the proposed pilot was in response to a growing deficit in prison bed space, especially in minimum custody. The Department was interested in developing a community-based residential option for low risk, minimum custody eligible inmates who were preparing for release. The community-based residential facility would provide programs and services similar to what was offered in a minimum custody facility.

However, due to budget restrictions during FY 2010-2011 and the prospects of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, the Department decided not to pursue implementation of a pilot program as outlined in Section 19.7 of Session Law 2010-31.

Staff members of the Division of Adult Correction within the Department of Public Safety are available if further information is requested.

JLL:BSB:jbk

cc: Meghan Brown, Melvin Lee, John Poteat, Douglas Holbrook, Kristine Leggett, Appropriations Subcommittee on JPS, Gov Ops Website, General Assembly Legislative Library

MAILING ADDRESS:
4201 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4201
Telephone: (919) 733-2126

OFFICE LOCATION:
512 N. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27604-1159
Fax: (919) 715-8477