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The Honorable Ralph Hise, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
Room 1026, Legislative Building
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The Honorable Justin Burr, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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Room 307A, Legislative Office Building
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The Honorable Mark Hollo, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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Room 639, Legislative Office Building
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Dear Senator Hise and Representatives Burr and Hollo:

North Carolina General Statute 108A-26.1 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report annually on May 1 the number of individuals denied Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits or Work First Program assistance because they are a fleeing felon or a parole or probation violator. That report is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Black, Director of the Division of Social Services, at 919.527.6335.

Sincerely,



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**Legislative Report
N.C.G.S. 108A-26.1**

North Carolina General Statute 108A-26.1 requires county departments of social services to check the criminal history of applicants for Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits and Work First benefits, and recipients at the time of benefits renewal, in a manner and to the extent necessary to verify that the applicants or recipients are not fleeing felons or probation or parole violators. The FNS program is designed to promote the general welfare and to safeguard the health and well-being of North Carolina's population by raising the levels of nutrition among low-income households. North Carolina's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, called Work First, provides parents with short-term training, cash assistance and other services to help them become employed and move toward self-sufficiency. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193 (PRWORA) amended both FNS and Work First program regulations to prohibit individuals from receiving assistance who are classified as fleeing felons or violating a condition of parole or probation. G.S. 108A-26.1 supports and strengthens the ongoing efforts of the Department to ensure compliance with this mandate.

The Department of Health and Human Services must report annually the number of individuals denied benefits as a result of this statute to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services of the North Carolina General Assembly. This report provides a data summary of the number of individuals denied and terminated from assistance during calendar year 2013.

In summary, for calendar year 2013, there were 593 individuals denied benefits or terminated from assistance. This translates to 581 individuals for the FNS program and 12 for the Work First program. Attachment A provides a breakdown of the data by county agency. The FNS data reflects information captured by the North Carolina Families Accessing Services through Technology (NC FAST) automated case management system. The Work First program has not fully implemented NC FAST and is reporting data captured from the Eligibility Information System (EIS), a legacy system.

Number of FNS Applicants/Recipients

County	Fleeing Felon	Parole/Probation Violator	Both Fleeing Felon & Parole Probation	Total Denied/Terminated
Alamance	3	4	1	8
Alexander	1	1	0	2
Anson	1	0	0	1
Avery	0	1	0	1
Beaufort	2	3	0	5
Bladen	0	1	0	1
Brunswick	0	3	0	3
Buncombe	5	25	4	34
Burke	4	5	3	12
Cabarrus	1	27	1	29
Caldwell	0	6	0	6
Carteret	1	7	0	8
Caswell	1	3	0	4
Catawba	2	8	1	11
Chatham	0	1	0	1
Chowan	0	2	0	2
Clay	0	1	0	1
Cleveland	2	6	1	9
Columbus	4	7	2	13
Craven	1	5	0	6
Cumberland	3	19	2	24
Dare	0	2	0	2
Davidson	1	9	0	10
Duplin	1	2	0	3
Durham	0	2	0	2
Edgecombe	1	7	1	9
Forsyth	7	19	1	27
Franklin	3	4	0	7
Gaston	1	8	0	9
Graham	1	1	0	2
Granville	2	6	1	9
Greene	0	4	0	4
Guilford	1	5	0	6
Halifax	0	2	0	2
Harnett	0	3	0	3
Haywood	0	3	0	3
Henderson	3	14	1	18
Hertford	1	0	0	1
Hoke	0	1	0	1

Iredell	0	10	0	10
Jackson	0	1	0	1
Johnston	0	6	0	6
Lee	0	11	0	11
Lenoir	0	5	0	5
Lincoln	0	3	0	3
Macon	0	1	0	1
Martin	0	4	0	4
Mecklenburg	10	25	3	38
Montgomery	0	1	0	1
Moore	1	0	0	1
Nash	0	4	0	4
New Hanover	10	16	4	30
Onslow	3	7	1	11
Orange	0	2	0	2
Pasquotank	4	4	0	8
Pender	0	1	0	1
Perquimans	1	1	0	2
Person	0	4	0	4
Pitt	2	12	0	14
Randolph	3	7	0	10
Richmond	2	5	0	7
Robeson	1	12	0	13
Rockingham	3	5	0	8
Rowan	3	13	1	17
Rutherford	3	8	0	11
Sampson	0	1	0	1
Stanly	1	1	0	2
Stokes	0	5	0	5
Surry	0	4	0	4
Transylvania	0	2	0	2
Union	0	5	0	5
Vance	1	3	0	4
Wake	3	8	0	11
Warren	0	1	0	1
Watauga	0	1	0	1
Wayne	0	14	0	14
Wilkes	0	1	0	1
Wilson	0	1	0	1
Yadkin	1	2	1	4
Yancey	1	2	0	3
Totals	106	446	29	581

Number of Work First Applicants/Recipients

County	Fleeing Felon	Parole/Probation Violator	Both Fleeing Felon & Parole Probation	Total Denied/Terminated
Buncombe				1
Mecklenburg				8
Cumberland				3
Totals				12