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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Harry Brown
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Representative N. Leo Daughtry
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Representative Shirley B. Randleman

FROM: Jennie L. Lancaster, Chief Deputy Secretary

RE: Reimburse Counties for Housing and Extraordinary Medical Costs
for Inmates, Parolees, and Post-Release Supervisees Awaiting Transfer to
State Prison System [Section 19.3 - Session Law 2009-451]

DATE: February 15, 2011

Pursuant to Section 19.3 - Session Law 2009-451 (Senate Bill 897) 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 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 \$5,799,160 during the first two quarters of FY 2010-2011 in backlog expenditures for inmates awaiting transfer to prison. This total reflects expenditures of \$2,948,840 during the first quarter and expenditures of \$2,851,120 during the second quarter.

All offenders on the jail backlog continue to be felons. The Department has made progress in reducing the jail backlog. Initiatives include increasing the processing of short term felons at some of the diagnostic centers. Also, the Department has implemented additional transfer runs from each diagnostic center to assure that offenders who complete processing are transferred in a timely manner. These options will continue as required to manage the jail backlog.

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

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