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TO: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of Senate & House Appropriations Committees
Chairs of Senate & House Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety

FROM: Reuben F. Young 

RE: Reimburse Counties for Housing and Extraordinary Medical Costs for Inmates, Parolees, and Post-Release Supervisees Awaiting Transfer to State Prison System

Pursuant to Section 18.5 of Session Law 2011-145, the Department of Public Safety is required to report on 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.

For the fourth quarter of FY 11-12, the Department did not incur jail backlog expenditures, and has not incurred jail backlog expenditures during the entirety of FY 11-12. In comparison, for FY 10-11, the Department incurred a total of \$5,873,280 in jail backlog expenditures. The fourth quarter of FY 11-12 also represents the fifth consecutive quarter in which the Department has incurred no jail backlog expenditures.

The Department continues to implement measures to maintain a reduction in jail backlog, including the processing of short term felons at designated diagnostic centers and additional transfer runs from each diagnostic center to assure that offenders who complete processing are transferred in a timely manner.

These measures will continue to be implemented, and the Department will continue to consider and utilize all options available in an attempt to maintain the current level of reduction in jail backlog.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact me (825-2791) or my Legislative Affairs team, Douglas Holbrook, Director (825-2749), and Mary Jennings, Liaison (825-2792). They will assist you on these or any other matters related to our Department.

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