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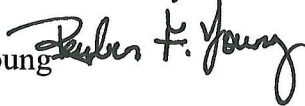
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TO: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of the House of Representatives & Senate Appropriations Committees
Chairs of the House of Representatives & Senate 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 third quarter of FY 11-12, the Department did not incur jail backlog expenditures, and has not incurred jail backlog expenditures during the three quarters of FY 11-12. In comparison, during the same period (third quarter) in FY 10-11, the Department incurred \$74,120 in jail backlog expenditures, and through three quarters of FY 10-11, the Department incurred a total of \$5,873,280 in jail backlog expenditures. The third quarter of FY 11-12 also represents the fourth consecutive quarter in which the department has not incurred 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 in order to manage jail backlog.

The Department anticipates that maintaining the current level of reduction in jail backlog may become more difficult due to the closure of four minimum custody prison facilities and reductions in diagnostic center staff.

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