



## North Carolina Department of Correction

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### MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Senator Harry Brown                      Representative N. Leo Daughtry  
Senator Thom Goolsby                      Representative W. David Guice  
   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:** July 12, 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 \$5,873,280 for the entirety 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, \$2,851,120 during the second quarter, \$74,120 during the third quarter, and no expenditures during the fourth quarter. In comparison, the total jail backlog expenditures for FY 2009-2010 was \$9,613,480.

The Department has made significant progress in reducing the jail backlog. Initiatives included increasing the processing of short term felons at designated diagnostic centers. Also, the Department 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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