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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senator Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Representative James B. Black, Speaker of the House
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Representative Richard T. Morgan, Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Co-Chairs, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

FROM: *Tracy A. Little*
Tracy A. Little, Deputy Secretary

DATE: April 13, 2004

SUBJECT: Request by the Department of Correction to use Lapse Salary to Cover Computer/Data Processing Services

In accordance with House Bill 397, section 16.11, "Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143-23(a2), the Department of Correction may use funds available during the 2003-2005 biennium for expenses for computer/data processing services if expenditures exceed the Department's continuation budget amount for those services. The Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to exceeding the continuation budget amount."

The Department of Correction is requesting consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations due to its projected need to exceed the Department's computer/data processing services continuation budget for Information Technology Services as of May 2004. The Department requests approval to transfer \$2 million from lapse salary - 1310 DOP Custody and Security to pay the cost of providing information technology services to staff. The funds will be transferred into Computer/Data Processing Accounts in Funds - 1110 DOC Management and 1310 DOP Custody and Security.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. Staff from the Department of Correction will be present to explain this request.

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cc: David McCoy, OSBM State Budget Officer
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