



North Carolina Department of Correction

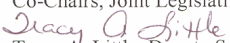
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Representative James B. Black, Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
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, Deputy Secretary

DATE: April 13, 2004

SUBJECT: Request by the Department of Correction to use Lapse Salary to Cover Inmate Medical Services

In accordance with House Bill 397, section 16.6.(a), "If the cost of providing food and health care to inmates housed in the Division of Prisons is anticipated to exceed the continuation budget amounts provided for that purpose in this act, the Department of Correction shall report the reasons for the anticipated cost increase and the source of funds the Department intends to use to cover those additional needs."

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 inmate medical continuation budget for medical services as of May 2004. The Department requests approval to transfer \$5.6 million into Fund – 1330 Division of Prisons Health Services, account 532131-Hospital Provided Medical Services and account 532132-Other Provided Medical Services sufficient funds to pay the cost of providing medical services to inmates housed in the Division of Prisons. The amount of \$5.6 million is to be provided by lapse salary, and is to be transferred from Fund-1310 DOP Custody and Security into Fund-1330 Division of Prisons Health Services.

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.

TL/jk

cc: David McCoy, OSBM State Budget Officer
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