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## SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Louis Pate, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 311, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 303, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603 The Honorable Josh Dobson, Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 301N, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2018-76, requires the Department of Health and Human Services, to study how to improve prisoner health screening with a goal of improving the determination that a prisoner in a local confinement facility has been prescribed life-saving prescription medications and a process to ensure the timely administration of those prescription medications by appropriate personnel. On or before November 1, 2018, the Department shall provide a report on this study to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

On behalf of Secretary Cohen, the Department is notifying you that this report will be delayed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Benton, Deputy Secretary for Health Services, at (919) 855-4800.

Sincerely, Wark T. Brit

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