Roy Cooper, Governor Erik A. Hooks, Secretary Reuben Young, Interim Chief Deputy Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM:

Chairs of Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety Chairs of House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety Chairs of Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

Reuben F. Young, Interim 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

DATE:

February 1, 2018

Pursuant to Section 16C.2. of Session Law 2017-57, Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-9, the Department of Public Safety may use funds available to the Department for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium to pay the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) per day as reimbursement to counties for the cost of housing convicted inmates, parolees, and post-release supervisees awaiting transfer to the State prison system, as provided in G.S. 148-29. The Department shall report annually by February 1 of each year to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety on the expenditure of funds to reimburse counties for prisoners awaiting transfer.

For calendar year 2017, the Department incurred no jail backlog expenditures.

The Department continues to implement measures to maintain no jail backlog. This includes 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.

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