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# HOUSE BILL 1030: 2016 Appropriations Act, Sec. 17C.2A: Medical Costs for Inmates and Juvenile Offenders

**Committee:**  
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**Analysis of:** Sec. 17C.2A of S.L. 2016-94

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**OVERVIEW:** *Sec. 17C.2A of S.L. 2016-94 amends the details of the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) quarterly inmate cost containment report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety. The requirements are amended to direct DPS to include in its report:*

- *The scheduled and emergent services listed by contracted and non-contracted hospitals.*
- *The scheduled and emergent admissions listed by contracted and non-contracted hospitals.*
- *The implementation status of the claims processing system and efforts to address the backlog of unpaid claims.*
- *Hospital utilization and the amount paid to each contracted and non-contracted hospital.*
- *The total cost and volume for the previous fiscal quarter for emergency room visits to UNC, Rex, and WakeMed Hospitals from Central Prison and the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women.*
- *The total payments for Medicaid and non-Medicaid eligible inmates, including the number of days between when the claim was filed and when the claim was paid.*
- *The list of hospitals under contract.*

*Additionally, this section requires reports submitted on August 1 to include totals for the previous fiscal year. DPS must study whether contracts to provide inmate health services can be expanded, including a list of hospitals considered for expansion and reasons for or against expansion. Any findings will be reported to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2017.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2016.*

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