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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

Chairs of the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety Chairs of the House Appropriation Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Commission

FROM: Erik A. Hooks, Secretary L. G. Hooks

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RE: Assaults on Staff in State Detention Centers - Adult Facilities

DATE: March 15, 2021

Pursuant to § 14-258.7, the Department of Public Safety shall report by March 15 of each year to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety, the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, and the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Commission on the number of incidents of any violation of G.S. 14-34.5(b), 14-34.7(b), or 14-34.7(c)(2) involving an employee or contractor of a detention facility operated by the State, and the nature of the resolution of every incident of any violation of G.S. 14-34.5(b), 14-34.7(b), or 14-34.7(c)(2) involving an employee or contractor of a detention facility operated by the State.

Following is the report for the previous two calendar years (2019 and 2020) of the assaults on employees in adult correctional facilities.

1) The number of incidents of any violation of this Article, G.S. 14-34.5(b), 14-34.7(b), or 14-34.7(c)(2) involving an employee or contractor of a correctional facility operated by the State.

The following tables reflect violations involving an employee or contractor of an adult correctional facility resulting in injury to staff. The first table captures calendar year 2019 data and the subsequent table, reflects calendar year 2020 statistics.

Calendar Year 2019

	Violations of G.S. 14-34.5 (b) (assault with a firearm)	Violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (b) (inflicts serious bodily injury on the employee)	Violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (c) (2) (inflicts physical injury on the employee)
Western Region		,	
Alexander	0	0	60
Avery Mitchell	0	0	2
Burke CRV	0	0	1
Caldwell	0	0	0
Catawba	0	0	0
Craggy	0	0	2
Davidson	0	0	0
Foothills	0	0	18
Forsyth	0	0	2
Gaston	0	0	0
Lincoln	0	0	5
Marion	0	0	32
Mt. View	0	0	11
Piedmont	0	0	10
Rutherford	0	0	0
Wilkes	0	0	0
S. Central Region			
Albemarle	0	0	8
Columbus	0	0	3
Harnett	0	0	12
Hoke	0	0	0
Lumberton	0	0	2
Morrison	0	0	2
New Hanover	0	0	0
Pender	0	0	5
Robeson CRV	0	0	2
Sampson	0	0	1
Sanford	0	0	0
Southern	0	0	1
Scotland	0	0	21
Tabor	0	0	20
Central Region			
Lanesboro	0	0	6
Caswell	0	0	1
Central Prison	0	0	3
Dan River	0	0	1
Franklin	0	0	7
Nash	0	0	0
NCCIW	0	0	14
Orange	0	0	1
Polk	0	0	21
Randolph	0	0	0
Swannanoa CCW	0	0	3
Wake	0	0	1
Warren	0	0	4

North Piedmont CRV	0	0	0
Eastern Region			
Bertie	0	0	9
Caledonia	0	0	8
Carteret	0	0	1
Craven	0	0	12
Eastern	0	0	4
Greene	0	0	4
Hyde	0	0	0
Johnston	0	0	2
Maury	0	0	11
Neuse	0	0	0
Odom	0	0	0
Pamlico	0	0	1
Pasquotank	0	0	5
Tyrrell	0	0	1
Total			340

Calendar Year 2020

	Violations of G.S. 14-34.5 (b) (assault with a firearm)	Violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (b) (inflicts serious bodily injury on the employee)	Violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (c)(2) (inflicts physical injury on the employee)
Western Region			
Alexande <u>r</u>	0	0	58
Avery Mitchell	0	0	4
Burke CRV	0	0	1
Caldwell	0	0	1
Catawba	0	0	0
Craggy	0	0	0
Davidson	0	0	0
Foothills	0	0	15
Forsyth	0	0	0
Gaston	0	0	2
Lincoln	0	0	0
Marion	0	0	24
Mt. View	0	0	12
Piedmont	0	0	10
Rutherford	0	0	0
Wilkes	0	0	1
S. Central Region			
Albemarle	0	0	3
Columbus	0	0	5
Harnett	0	0	5
Hoke	0	0	0
Lumberton	0	0	3
Morrison	0	0	3
New Hanover	0	0	0
Pender	0	0	6
Robeson CRV	0	0	0
Sampson	0	0	2
Sanford	0	0	2

Southern	0	0	1
Scotland	0	0	12
Tabor	0	0	14
Central Region			
Anson	0	0	0
Caswell	0	0	0
Central Prison	0	0	4
Dan River	0	0	1
Franklin	0	0	2
Nash	0	0	0
NCCIW	0	0	5
Orange	0	0	0
Polk	0	0	4
Randolph	0	0	0
Swannanoa CCW	0	0	0
Wake	0	0	2
Warren	0	0	1
North Piedmont CRV	0	0	0
Eastern Region			
Bertie	0	0	13
Caledonia	0	0	4
Carteret	0	0	2
Craven	0	0	9
Eastern	0	0	9
Greene	0	0	0
Hyde	0	0	0
Johnston	0	0	4
Maury	0	0	4
Neuse	0	0	10
Odom	0	0	0
Pamlico	0	0	7
Pasquotank	0	0	2
Tyrrell	0	0	0
Total			267

2) The nature of the resolution of every incident of any violation of this Article, G.S. 14-34.5(b), 14-34.7(b), or 14-34.7(c)(2) involving an employee or contractor of a correctional facility operated by the State.

<u>CY2019</u> Violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (c)(2) (inflicts physical injury on the employee)

- Of the three hundred forty (340) assaults on people employed at a correctional facility, two hundred twenty-five (225) resulted in charges being filed.
- Twenty-three (23) offenders were found guilty of assaulting and inflicting physical injury on people employed at correctional facilities.
- Eighty-seven (87) charges are still outstanding for assaults on people employed at correctional facilities.

Please note that more than one offender may have been involved in any individual incident or an offender may have received more than one charge per incident and therefore the number of formal charges listed above may differ from the total counts provided in (1).

The remaining potential violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (c)(2) were each resolved consistent with internal policies and procedures.

$\underline{CY2020}$ Violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (c)(2) (inflicts physical injury on the employee)

- Of the two hundred sixty-seven (267) assaults on people employed at a correctional facility, two hundred fifteen (215) resulted in charges being filed.
- Ten (10) offenders were found guilty of assaulting and inflicting physical injury on people employed at correctional facilities.
- One Hundred forty-five (145) charges are still outstanding for assaults on people employed at correctional facilities.

Please note that more than one offender may have been involved in any individual incident or an offender may have received more than one charge per incident and therefore the number of formal charges listed above may differ from the total counts provided in (1).

The remaining potential violations of G.S. 14-34.7 (c)(2) were each resolved consistent with internal policies and procedures.