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The Honorable Thomas V. Michael Miller, Jr.  
President of Senate  
State House, H-107  
Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

The Honorable Michael Erin Busch  
Speaker of House of Delegates  
State House, H-101  
Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1991

RE: Updated information regarding report on Chapter 212 - Correctional Services – Healthy Births for Incarcerated Women Act (MSAR #10142)

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

The Department recently submitted an annual report in accordance with the language on page 7 of Chapter 212 –Correctional Services – Healthy Births for Incarcerated Women Act enacted in 2014. The language in Chapter 212 specifically states:

*SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before 30 days before the end of each calendar year until December 31, 2017, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with §2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the number of times physical restraints were used on a pregnant inmate during labor, delivery and postpartum recovery during the previous calendar year in each State and local correctional facility.*

Pursuant to the aforementioned language, the Department reported figures provided to us by the local detention centers; however, Charles County and Washington County Administrators recently discovered several anomalies with the figures they reported. Specifically, both counties have indicated that no restraints were used on female detainees during delivery. Both of these counties have provided the Department with the correct figures and they have asked my office to provide their contact information should you like clarification. Please see below, contact information for the appropriate officials at Charles County and Washington County, respectively.

Charles County:

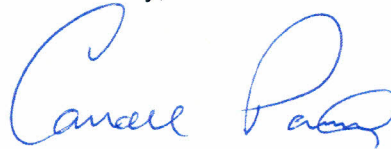
Ms. Diane Richardson, Public Information Officer  
Charles County Sheriff Office  
Correction Division  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301)-609-6557

Washington County:

Major Craig Rowe, CJM  
Warden  
Washington County Sheriff's Office  
Detention Division  
500 Western Maryland Parkway  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
(240)-313-2121

Of course, since these two counties have provided the corrected figures, the Department will maintain the updated data, available upon request. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-339-5000 or Kevin Loeb, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 410-260-6070.

Sincerely,



Carroll A. Parrish  
Acting Secretary

c: Mr. John Griffin, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office  
Ms. Jean Hitchcock, Governor's Chief Legislative Officer  
Ms. Shanetta Paskel, Governor's Deputy Legislative Officer  
Ms. Hannah Dier, Policy Analyst, Department of Legislative Services  
Mr. Matthew Schmid, Budget Analyst, Dept. of Budget & Management  
Ms. Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services  
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