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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

SUBJECT:

TO: Senator Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Representative Tim Moore, Speaker of the House of Representatives

FROM: Thomas Cheek, Assistant State Budget Officer

Expenditures for Emergency Capital Projects – East Carolina University

In accordance with G.S. 120-76.1 the following expenditures were approved without consulting the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations because of an emergency that posed an imminent threat to public health or public safety.

<u>East Carolina University – COVID-19 Emergency Project – Warren Life Sciences Building BSL-3 Research Lab</u>

East Carolina University (ECU) has identified a need to upgrade two Biosafety Level 2 (BSL) laboratories in the Warren Life Sciences Building to BSL-3 in order to conduct research on the COVID-19 virus. The conversion will comply with all guidelines under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The source of funds for the project are Corona Relief Fund made available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and appropriated to the ECU Brody School of Medicine in S.L. 2020-4 (2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act).

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