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VIA EMAIL

Rick Toomey, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Birth Certificates for Department of Corrections' inmates

Dear Director Toomey:

The House Legislative Oversight Committee's Department of Corrections ad hoc subcommittee is currently performing an oversight study of the Department of Corrections' (SCDC). The purpose of legislative oversight is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed, or even eliminated. Any House Member may file legislation to implement the Committee's recommendations.

The purpose of this letter is to seek input from your office about the fees required to obtain birth certificates for Department of Corrections' inmates. During a subcommittee meeting, representatives from SCDC testified the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) send inmate birth certificates electronically and charge inmates \$12 for each birth certificate. Please explain why DHEC charges \$12 to send an electronic file?

Additionally, testimony was received by the subcommittee that it took approximately one year to reach a mutually agreeable memorandum of understanding with SCDC. What are the least, average, and longest timeframes within the past three years for DHEC to execute a memorandum of understanding with another state agency?

Please respond to the questions by Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Additionally, the subcommittee welcomes any other input or feedback your office would like to provide. Thank you and your team for your service to the people of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward R. Tallon Sr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward R. Tallon Sr.
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee