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Via Email: ljswindler@sccja.sc.gov

RE: House Legislative Oversight Committee's Study of the Legislative Audit Council's April 2021 follow up audit of the Department of Juvenile Justice

Dear Director Swindler:

The House Legislative Oversight Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee (House Subcommittee) is reviewing the Legislative Audit Council's (LAC) April 2021 report on the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). As part of this report references training and turnover of certified law enforcement officers (LEOs), below are questions of interest to various members. Please provide this information by Monday, July 12, 2021.

Additionally, we request a representative from the Criminal Justice Academy (CJA) attend the next House Subcommittee meeting should members have additional questions. Please maintain any raw data utilized to respond to the questions below as it may be necessary to respond to follow up questions.

Turnover

1. Please provide the number of DJJ LEOs that separated between October 2016 and September 2020 and aggregated information on the reasons indicated on the Personnel Change in Status Reports (e.g., resigned; retired; accepted employment with another law enforcement agency; failure to successfully complete basic or in-service training; etc.)
2. Please provide a list of the entities to which LEOs, who separated from DJJ between October 2016 and September 2020, were hired, including the number at each entity.
3. Please provide the number of LEOs, who separated from DJJ between October 2016 and September 2020 that were current on required training at the time of their separation from DJJ.
4. Please provide information on the number of officers leaving and hired (i.e., turnover) at each state and local law enforcement entity, by entity and year, between fiscal year 2015 and 2020.

Training

5. Please briefly explain any mandatory or voluntary training available to DJJ LEOs.
6. Is there a cost to DJJ for the training CJA offers DJJ LEOs? If yes, please explain.
7. For each year/training session between October 2016 and September 2020, how many spots were reserved for DJJ personnel? Of these reserved DJJ spots, how many were filled by DJJ personnel?
8. Please provide the training graduation rates for DJJ personnel between October 2016 and September 2020.
9. Please provide the number of DJJ personnel who, as of the date CJA responds to this letter, are not current with all current training requirements.

Hours

10. Is CJA aware of any law enforcement entities around the state with policies that limit the number of consecutive hours a certified law enforcement officer may work? If so, please list the entities and limits.
11. Due to the authority entrusted to certified law enforcement officers (e.g., carry firearms, arrest, etc.), does, or would, CJA recommend law enforcement entities have a policy limiting the number of consecutive hours a certified law enforcement officer may work? Why or why not?
12. In what states, if any, are there legal prohibitions on the number of hours a law enforcement officer may work, similar to hours of service requirements for truck drivers?

Thank you and your team for your service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,



Chris Wooten
Chair, House Legislative Oversight Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

cc: Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton, House Legislative Oversight Committee Chair
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