

Information from Department of Revenue for Indigency Screening

The Committee asks the Commission on Indigent Defense to communicate with the Department of Revenue to determine the following: (a) information that may be utilized during indigency screening; (b) methods by which the information may be accessed; and (c) cost to access the information. The agency provides the response below in its September 7, 2018 letter to the Committee.¹

The **Department of Revenue** indicated that they only have state tax return information available if the person filed their State taxes. However, that information would be limited, because it would be only for the previous year and not current, and it would only be limited to their taxable federal income. If they need current information on a taxpayer, they use data from the Department of Employment and Workforce.

¹ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, "Letter from SCCID to Oversight Subcommittee with attachments (Sept. 7, 2018), Agency's Response to Oversight Subcommittee's August 17, 2018 Letter, Questions #20," under "Committee Postings and Reports," under "House Legislative Oversight Committee," under "Indigent Defense, Commission on," and under "Correspondence," [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/IndigentDefense/Letter%20from%20SCCID%20to%20Oversight%20Subcommittee%20with%20attachments%20\(Sept.%207,%202018\).pdf](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/IndigentDefense/Letter%20from%20SCCID%20to%20Oversight%20Subcommittee%20with%20attachments%20(Sept.%207,%202018).pdf) (accessed October 12, 2018).