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VIA Email and U.S. Mail
Director J. Hugh Ryan III
S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense
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Columbia, SC 29211-1433

RE: Follow-up from Subcommittee's May 1, 2018 meeting with the agency

Dear Director Ryan:

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee appreciates the agency's partnership in the oversight process. As follow up from the meeting on May 1, 2018, the Subcommittee seeks additional information from the agency. Please provide this information by Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Information by Court

1. Please provide a flow chart which provides the following information, by type of court (e.g., municipal, magistrate, family, general sessions, court of appeals):
 - a. types of matters that can be heard,
 - b. entity responsible for prosecuting and for representing indigent defendants,
 - c. entity responsible for paying the attorneys that prosecute and those that represent indigent defendants,
 - d. any fees associated with indigent defense, such as applications for indigent representation, and the entity that keeps those fees, and
 - e. entity that returns any fines obtained from individuals whose case resolution includes the payment of fines.

2. Please provide information about the types of violations (e.g., city/town ordinance, county ordinance, state law, and federal law) and courts in which they may be prosecuted.
3. Please provide, in an Excel document, a list of the actions required in moving the following types of cases forward and, next to each action, the entity responsible for the action (e.g., public defender, solicitor, judge, clerk of court, etc.):
 - a. non-capital murder crime,
 - b. capital murder,
 - c. sexual violent predator,
 - d. non-capital murder post-conviction relief,
 - e. capital murder post-conviction relief, and
 - f. family court.

Costs

4. Please provide the average amount spent by the state, per indigent defendant, across all the following types of cases:
 - a. non-capital murder crime,
 - b. capital murder,
 - c. sexual violent predator,
 - d. non-capital murder post-conviction relief,
 - e. capital murder post-conviction relief, and
 - f. family court.

Employee Evaluations

5. Please provide details regarding what the agency requires of each supervisor, starting March 30, 2018, as a way to improve employee evaluations and feedback.

The Subcommittee looks forward to working collaboratively with the agency during the oversight process. As a reminder, the Committee's expectations are provided in its Standard Practice 9. Thank you and your team for your service to the citizens 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
The Honorable Katherine E. "Katie" Arrington
The Honorable William M. "Bill" Hixon
The Honorable Jeffrey E. "Jeff" Johnson