



# **2025 Annual Accountability Report**

**Commission on Indigent Defense  
Agency Code: E230**

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## **AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense (SCCID) continued to strengthen and fulfill the mission of our statewide public defender system which was created in 2007. The Agency held regular meetings with the Circuit Public Defenders to address the continuing case backlog resulting from COVID-19's effects on court operations. As a result of the focus, the number of warrants pending (in PD Offices) over a year old dropped from 49,757 to 46,565 during FY25. Total pending warrants decreased from 104,608 to 97,748.

In October of 2019, SCCID was awarded a Federal Grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Program for a period of 3 years. During the FY21-22 legislative session, the General Assembly approved the agency's request to covert this position to a State funded FTE, upon expiration of the grant. In December of 2022 this grant position was converted to a State funded position. This position continues to address issues in the state's juvenile defense system by equipping lawyers with skills to prevent youth from being unnecessarily incarcerated, and to assist youth in remaining in the community or re-entering the community with reduced risk of recidivism. This position continues to emphasize training for all attorneys defending indigent juvenile offenders. The intensified training builds upon the training function already established by the state's Commission on Indigent Defense, coordinated by the Juvenile Defender Advocate, who serves as a resource for juvenile defense attorneys. The training includes specialized topics regarding the ability of juvenile defense counsel to advocate for placement decisions to reduce juvenile prospects of re-offending and promote successful reentry if placed out of their homes.

SCCID continued to expand its training program by providing training for over 823 attorneys and contract lawyers. The agency's training events were on various topics ranging from the PD 100 Series for the Public Defenders to Rules of Evidence: Opinions and Expert Testimony; Character Evidence, Juvenile Defense Probation Violation, Juvenile Waiver Training, Immigration Law and Family Court DSS Defense attorney training. These training events provided 133.08 hours of Continuing Legal Education, Ethics, Substance Abuse and Mental Health hours to the attorneys at no cost to them. The agency continued training for Commission members with a 2-day seminar. In total, the agency conducted 22 training events during FY25.

The agency entered its 13th year of contracting with private attorneys to handle Criminal Conflicts, Family Court, PCR and SVP cases. Contracts are awarded on a one-year basis to attorneys throughout the state. This program, which effectively supplants the Rule 608 court-administered program, continues to be highly successful and efficient in moving cases, and continues to receive universal approval from judges, participating attorneys, prosecutors, and agencies that are involved. Only the most qualified attorneys are selected for contracts which are awarded by a committee consisting of representatives of the agency, the SC Bar, the Commission, and the Circuit Public Defenders. The results of the contract system have been to eliminate calendar conflicts, move the dockets faster, reduce the number of potential appeals, and provide quality representation. The agency continued its partnership with the USC Law School's Children's Law Center to co-host seminars on Family Law issues for contract attorneys and public defenders handling juvenile criminal cases. SCCID fully participates in the Bench and Bar Committee for Family Law and has a well-established cooperative relationship with all interests which

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are represented on the committee including DSS, DJJ, Court Administration, GAL Program, Family Court Judges, and other key personnel in the Family Court.

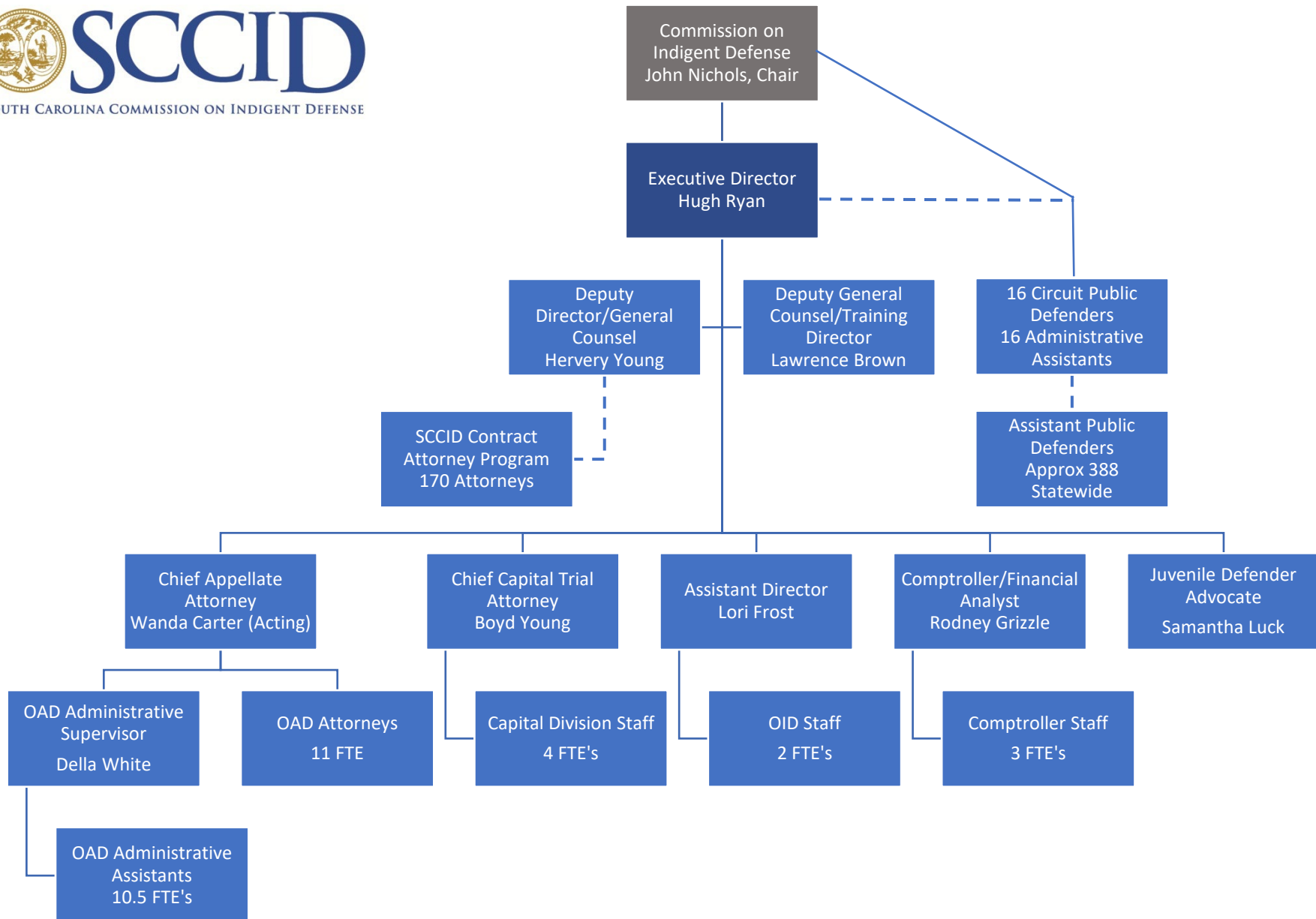
The agency continues to monitor and review its policies and guidelines and their application by service providers, including private investigators, contract attorneys and other counsel appointed by the courts. We have frequently requested hearings or telephone conferences with judges and counsel to address requests for attorney fee/expert witness fees that exceed caps, policies and guidelines, or to establish an agreement as to caps on fees and experts in many cases. This involvement has resulted in a much more efficient use of limited state resources. While it has taken many years to reach this point, nearly all participants in the system now recognize that the agency does carefully monitor and audit voucher requests for payment of fees and costs that do not appear reasonable. The contract system, because of its flat fee structure, has resulted in a more efficient voucher processing system. Due to this increased efficiency, the agency has not had to fill a voucher processing position after the position became vacant.

We continue to work very diligently to have municipalities with their own optional courts provide resources for indigent representation. As a result, in a growing number of municipalities, the municipality and the circuit public defender have entered contracts for indigent representation. The legislature overwhelmingly again approved Proviso 61.11, which requires adequate funding by municipalities that chose to have a municipal court. This requirement continues to fulfill a long-term goal of the Commission and the agency and is a significant achievement in both providing access to justice at the municipal level and having the funding source for it as well.

The agency continued support and program planning for the SC Public Defender Association for their annual training conference; co-sponsoring with the USC School of Law's Children's Law Center seminars on juvenile issues for both public defenders and private bar contract attorneys; its arrangement with the Nelson Mullins law firm to provide pro bono appellate attorneys to assist the agency's appellate division in brief writing and oral arguments of selective cases before the state's appellate courts to help alleviate the crushing caseload that our appellate division must handle.

The agency and Circuit Public Defender Offices have made remarkable progress in increasing the number of Public Defenders statewide after receiving significant new funding during FY22-23. Prior to the receipt of the new funds there were 295 PDs statewide, and it has increased to 388 statewide PDs.

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## Reorganization and Compliance

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### **E230 - COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**

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#### **Agency Mission**

#### **Adopted in:**

**2005**

The Commission on Indigent Defense, through the Office of Indigent Defense and its divisions, and in cooperation and consultation with other state agencies, professional associations and other groups interested in the administration of criminal justice and the improvement and expansion of defender services, establishes and monitors programs and services for legal representation to indigent defendants charged with criminal offenses in the courts of the state. The agency also oversees the payment to court appointed attorneys for certain legal services performed on behalf of indigent clients in the Family Courts of the state.

#### **Agency Vision**

#### **Adopted in:**

**2005**

The SC Commission on Indigent Defense (SCCID) is responsible for ensuring that all individuals are provided indigent defense services in South Carolina and provide the highest quality of representation to our clients.

#### **Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:**

None

#### **Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:**

None



<b>Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2025</b>				
<b>Description of Event</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Agency Measures Impacted</b>	<b>Other Impacts</b>
No significant events affected performance measures.				
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).				Yes
Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)				
Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).				Yes
Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?				No
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:				
Has the agency promulgated any regulations?				No
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?				Yes
(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)				

## Strategic Plan Results

- Goal 1** Ensure the Effective Legal Representation of South Carolina Citizens eligible for Indigent Defense Services
- Goal 2** Enhance Training and Professional Development of South Carolina Public Defenders and Staff

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Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
<b>1.1 Enhance the Circuit Public Defender System</b>											<b>State Objective: Government and Citizens</b>			
1.1.1	Increase the number of Full -Time Public Defenders in each Circuit to Reduce the number of cases handled by each Public Defender to ensure efficient Representation of indigent defendants in all SC trial courts	346	404	404	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of Public Defenders	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	1000.010000.000; 1000.100000X000; 1000.150000X000; 1000.160000X000;	
1.1.2	Decrease the number of cases (Warrants) handled by each individual Public Defender	381	376	324	Count	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of cases (Warrants) handled, divided by the total number of Public Defenders.	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	1000.010000.000; 1000.100000X000; 1000.150000X000; 1000.160000X000;	
1.1.3	Increase the number of Full-Time Investigators in each Circuit.	60	60	61	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of investigator in the state-wide Public Defender system	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	1000.010000.000; 1000.100000X000; 1000.150000X000; 1000.160000X000;	
<b>1.2 Maintain the Appellate Defense System</b>											<b>State Objective: Government and Citizens</b>			
1.2.1	Ensure manageable caseloads for appeals by maintaining the number of Full Time Appellate Attorneys	71.50	75	93	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of New/Open Appeals, divided by the total number of Appellate Attorneys,	Division of Appellate Defense Year-End Report	Division of Appellate Defense	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	0501.000000.000	



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1.2.2	Ensure judicious submission of Direct Appeal or Post Conviction Relief Briefs within a reasonable time frame established by the Courts	139.91	120	135	Count	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Average number of calendar days in submitting the initial appeals brief.	Division of Appellate Defense Year-End Report	Division of Appellate Defense	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	0501.000000.000	
<b>1.3 Ensure Quality Representation in Capital Death Cases</b>														
										<b>State Objective: Government and Citizens</b>				
1.3.1	Maintain the number of Full-Time Capital Division Attorneys and Support Staff	4	5	4	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of filled FTE's	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a capital crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	0100.050000X000; 1504.000000.000	
1.3.2	Require all Capital Trial Division Attorney's be certified South Carolina Supreme Court Death Penalty Qualified	3	3	3	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of Death Penalty Certified Attorneys.	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a capital crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	0100.050000X000; 1504.000000.000	
<b>2.1 Provide mandatory training program for all new Public Defenders and contract attorneys</b>														
										<b>State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development</b>				
2.1.1	Increase accessibility to PD101, PD 102 and PD 103 Training Classes and other training events.	122	130	133.08	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of Training hours provided by SCCID to all Public Defenders and Contract Attorneys.	SCCID Training Year-End Report	SCCID Training	SCCID will provided quality training to all the new Public Defenders and contract attorneys in order to ensure that they provide quality representation to those individuals that they represent.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	0105.200000X000	
2.1.2	Increase Topic Specific Training to all Public Defenders and Contract Attorneys	16	20	22	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of Topic Specific Training Session offered to all Public Defenders and Contract Attorneys.	SCCID Training Year-End Report	SCCID Training	SCCID will provided quality training to all the new Public Defenders and contract attorneys in order to ensure that they provide quality representation to those individuals that they represent.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	0105.200000X000	
<b>2.2 Enhance Mentoring Programs in Circuit Public Defender Offices</b>														
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2.2.1	Expand Mentoring programs to all 16 Public Defender Circuits	7	16	7	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of Mentoring Programs in the State-wide Public Defender Office.	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a capital crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	1000.010000.000; 1000.100000X000; 1000.150000X000; 1000.160000X000;	
2.2.2	Provide Mentoring opportunities to newly hired PD in Family and Summary Courts	7	16	7	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of Family and Summary Court Mentoring Programs in the State-wide Public Defender Office.	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a capital crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	1000.010000.000; 1000.100000X000; 1000.150000X000; 1000.160000X000;	

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## Strategic Plan Development

- Goal 1** Ensure the Effective Legal Representation of South Carolina Citizens eligible for Indigent Defense Services
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1.1.1	Increase the number of Full -Time Public Defenders in each Circuit to Reduce the number of cases handled by each Public Defender to ensure efficient Representation of indigent defendants in all SC trial courts	404	404	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of Public Defenders	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	1000.010000.000; 1000.100000X000; 1000.150000X000; 1000.160000X000;	
1.1.2	Decrease the number of cases (Warrants) handled by each individual Public Defender	324	376	Count	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of cases (Warrants) handled, divided by the total number or Public Defenders.	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	1000.010000.000; 1000.100000X000; 1000.150000X000; 1000.160000X000;	
1.1.3	Increase the number of Full-Time Investigators in each Circuit.	61	61	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of investigator in the state-wide Public Defender system	SCCID Annual Agency Report	Division of Administration	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	1000.010000.000; 1000.100000X000; 1000.150000X000; 1000.160000X000;	
<b>1.2 Maintain the Appellate Defense System</b>										<b>State Objective: Government and Citizens</b>			
1.2.1	Ensure manageable caseloads for appeals by maintaining the number of Full Time Appellate Attorneys	93.1	75	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Total number of New/Open Appeals, divided by the total number of Appellate Attorneys,	Division of Appellate Defense Year-End Report	Division of Appellate Defense	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided will receive quality representation.	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and legal representation has been provided.	0501.000000.000	

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<b>2.2 Enhance Mentoring Programs in Circuit Public Defender Offices State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development</b>													

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## Budget Data

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State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0100.010000.000	Administration	Establishes and monitors programs and services for the delivery of legal representation to indigent defendants in State courts	\$ 828,640.94	\$ 227,841.07	\$ -	\$ 1,056,482.01	\$ 790,012.00	\$ 466,968.00	\$ -	\$ 1,256,980.00
0100.050000X000	Death Penalty Trial Funds	Provides cost effective representation and resources for capital trials statewide	\$ -	\$ 513,294.88	\$ -	\$ 513,294.88	\$ -	\$ 2,406,600.00	\$ -	\$ 2,406,600.00
0100.070000X000	Conflict Fund	Funds which are used to pay for cases services expenses of the Circuit Public Defender Offices such as expert witnesses, investigators, psychiatric evaluations, transcripts and any other expenses that the court deems necessary for the individual's legal representation.	\$ -	\$ 1,954,654.62	\$ -	\$ 1,954,654.62	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000.00
0100.110000X000	Legal Aid Funding	Flow through funds that go to the South Carolina Legal Aid Services	\$ -	\$ 1,385,576.59	\$ -	\$ 1,385,576.59	\$ -	\$ 1,700,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,700,000.00
0100.130000X000	Court Fine Assessment	Funds which are used to pay for the expenses of the agency to include Salaries, Fringe Benefits, and all operating costs.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ 400,000.00
0100.190000X000	Rule 608 Appointment	Funds used to pay contract attorney's fees and expenses for criminal and family court cases assigned to them by the courts.	\$ 7,945,913.19	\$ 1,455,251.52	\$ -	\$ 9,401,164.71	\$ 9,115,374.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,115,374.00
0100.270000X000	Civil Commitment Voucher Processing	Payment processing services that SCCID provides to the Department of Mental Health for attorneys handling Civil Commitment Hearings. The payment of attorney's fees are reimbursed by DMH on a monthly basis.	\$ -	\$ 305,825.00	\$ -	\$ 305,825.00	\$ -	\$ 375,000.00	\$ -	\$ 375,000.00

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0102.300000X00	Fine and Fee Stabilization	This funds are for the expenditures of the programs that have seen the steady decline in revenue collections.	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300,000.00
0104.250000X000	Information Technology Services	Funding for the Information Technology Services provided to SCCID by the Department of Administration's Division of Technology Office.	\$ 115,329.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,329.94	\$ 127,192.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127,192.00
0105.200000X000	Professional Training and Development	Funding for the Training Services that SCCID provides to the Circuit Public Defenders and 608 Contract Attorneys.	\$ -	\$ 41,829.51	\$ -	\$ 41,829.51	\$ -	\$ 286,414.00	\$ -	\$ 286,414.00
0501.000000.000	Division Of Appellate Defense	Represents indigents in the majority of criminal appeals, including death penalty appeals before the SC Court of Appeals and the SC Supreme Court	\$ 923,675.37	\$ 630,925.68	\$ -	\$ 1,554,601.05	\$ 950,210.00	\$ 1,048,943.00	\$ -	\$ 1,999,153.00
0510.050000X000	Court Reporters	Funds used to pay court reporters for transcripts used by the Appellate Defense Division for their appeal cases.	\$ 277,500.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 277,500.62	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
1000.010000.000	Office Of Circuit Public Defenders	Provides a consistent and fair statewide public defender system with standards and accountability for the delivery of legal representation to indigent defendants in State courts	\$ 4,461,799.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,461,799.33	\$ 4,381,477.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,381,477.00
1000.100000X000	Defense Of Indigents/Per Capita	Funds which are disbursed to the Office of the Circuit Public Defenders for the operations of those offices	\$ 15,901,049.00	\$ 4,406,859.80	\$ -	\$ 20,307,908.80	\$ 18,881,049.00	\$ 4,173,052.00	\$ -	\$ 23,054,101.00
1000.150000X000	Dui Defense Of Indigents	Funds which are disbursed to the Office of the Circuit Public Defenders for the defense of DUI defense cases.	\$ 976,593.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 976,593.00	\$ 976,593.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 976,593.00



State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
1000.160000X000	Criminal Domestic Violence	Funds which are disbursed to the Office of the Circuit Public Defenders for the Criminal Domestic Violence defense cases.	\$ 1,377,185.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,377,185.00	\$ 1,377,185.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,377,185.00
1005.200000X000	Assistant Public Defender Personnel	Funds which are disbursed to the Office of the Circuit Public Defenders for the operations of those offices	\$ 11,200,733.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,200,733.00	\$ 11,200,733.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,200,733.00
1504.000000.000	Death Penalty Trial Division	Provides cost effective representation and resources for capital trials statewide	\$ 2,993.15	\$ 400,282.85	\$ -	\$ 403,276.00	\$ -	\$ 471,600.00	\$ -	\$ 471,600.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	Employer contributions for agency employees	\$ 3,559,152.07	\$ 406,080.45	\$ -	\$ 3,965,232.52	\$ 3,633,058.00	\$ 468,295.00	\$ -	\$ 4,101,353.00

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## Legal Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:  
E230 - COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
14-1-204	State	Statute	<p>26.78 percent of 56 percent of \$100 filing fee in civil actions is paid to the Defense of Indigents Per Capita Fund administered by SCCID. SCCID distributes the funds to SC organizations that are grantees of the Legal Services Corporation. (SCCID acts as pass-through agency for distribution of funds.)</p> <p>Commission on Indigent Defense, Defense of Indigents per capita receives 14.56 percent of additional \$50 filing fee in civil actions.</p> <p>Commission on Indigent Defense, Division of Appellate Defense receives 1.81 percent of additional \$50 filing fee in civil actions.</p>	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
14-1-206	State	Statute	Persons convicted in general sessions court must pay assessment of 107.5 percent of fine amount. After specified deductions, Office of Indigent Defense receives 14.46 percent of remaining funds for the defense of indigents.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
14-1-207	State	Statute	Persons convicted in magistrates court must pay assessment of 107.5 percent of fine amount. After specified deductions, Office of Indigent Defense receives 14.46 percent of remaining funds for the defense of indigents.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
14-1-208	State	Statute	Persons convicted in municipal court must pay assessment of 107.5 percent of fine amount. After specified deductions, Office of Indigent Defense receives 14.46 percent of remaining funds for the defense of indigents.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
16-3-26	State	Statute	Punishment for murder; notice to defense attorney of solicitor's intention to seek death penalty; appointment of attorneys for indigent; investigative, expert or other services.	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
17-27-10	State	Statute	Short Title - Uniform Post-Conviction Relief Act	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-27-100	State	Statute	Appeals	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-27-110	State	Statute	Rules - Supreme Court may adopt rules deemed necessary. Note: Supreme Court has passed Rule 71.1 South Carolina Rule of Civil Procedure requiring appointment of counsel for indigent applicants in certain PCR actions.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
17-27-120	State	Statute	Construction. Chapter to be interpreted to make law uniform in states that adopt it.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-27-130	State	Statute	Waiver of attorney-client privilege by allegation of ineffective prior counsel; access to files.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-27-150	State	Statute	Discovery in post-conviction relief proceeding	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-27-160	State	Statute	Capital case post-conviction relief procedures - provides for appointment of counsel for indigent applicants	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
17-27-20	State	Statute	Persons who may institute proceeding; exclusiveness of remedy	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
17-27-30	State	Statute	Jurisdiction of Court	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-27-40	State	Statute	Commencement of Proceedings by filing application	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-27-45	State	Statute	Filing procedures for post-conviction relief actions	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
17-27-50	State	Statute	Form and contents of application	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-27-60	State	Statute	Court costs and expenses for indigents	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
17-27-70	State	Statute	Court procedures on receipt of application	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-27-80	State	Statute	Hearing on application; final judgment	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-27-90	State	Statute	Grounds for relief	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-3-10	State	Statute	Persons entitled to counsel shall be so advised; when counsel shall be provided	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
17-3-100	State	Statute	Discretionary authority of judge to appoint counsel not limited; remuneration and reimbursement.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-110	State	Statute	Power of Supreme Court to establish rules and regulations.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
17-3-20	State	Statute	Requires that adequate legal counsel be appointed for persons charged with murder, who are determined to be financially unable to retain adequate counsel and that the attorney appointed be paid fees and costs as deemed appropriate by the court.	Requires a service	Persons charged with murder determined to be financially unable to retain adequate legal counsel. This section specifies a customer/deliverable for the agency as the attorney appointed will be either a public defender or private counsel who will be compensated with indigent defense funds of the Agency.	No Change
17-3-30	State	Statute	Affidavit of inability to employ counsel; payment of indigent's assets to state; application fee, waiver or reduction of fee; disposition of revenues; fund for screening applicants	Requires a service	No - This relates to a customer of the agency for which the deliverable is handled by another entity	No Change
17-3-310	State	Statute	Commission on Indigent Defense Created; Appointment of members; terms; powers and duties.	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
17-3-320	State	Statute	Office of Indigent Defense; executive director; appointment; duties	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
17-3-330 (A)(1-4); (B); (C)	State	Statute	Duties of Office of Indigent Defense: Distribute all funds appropriated by GA for defense of indigents; perform duties of Appellate Defense; compile statistics covering indigent defense in the State;	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-330 (A)(5)	State	Statute	Report annually to the General Assembly on the indigent defense system.	Report our agency must/may provide	Through the Budget process SCCID reports to the Governor, Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committees on the status of the Indigent Defense system.	No Change



Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
17-3-340	State	Statute	Duties of Commission: Approve programs which provide legal representation to indigent persons and juveniles accused of violations of criminal law; Approve policies and standards for Circuit Public Defender Offices, minimum training for appointed counsel; Procedures for qualifications/performance of independent counsel; providing and compensating experts, investigators, etc.to provide effective representation; determining indigence and assessing and collecting costs of legal representation; compensation of appointed attorneys; removing circuit PD for cause; Uniform definition of "case" for determining caseload statistics; accepting contractual indigent defense representation.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-350	State	Statute	Immunity from civil liability for Commission members and Circuit PD Selection Panel members	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-360	State	Statute	Division of Appellate Defense created; Administration and staffing; duties and responsibilities	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
17-3-370	State	Statute	Appointment of Counsel by Court: Court can still appoint counsel for disqualified person for conflict or when division deems it advisable not to provide representation	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
17-3-380	State	Statute	Funding for the commission will be by appropriations in the state General Appropriations Act including federal funds as may be available.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
17-3-40	State	Statute	Creation of claim against assets and estate of person for whom counsel is provided	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-45	State	Statute	Affidavit of assets of persons seeking appointed counsel; application fee; claim against assets and estate of person provided counsel	Requires a service	No - This relates to a customer of the agency for which the deliverable is handled by another entity	No Change
17-3-5	State	Statute	Definitions	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-50	State	Statute	Determination of fees for appointed counsel and public defenders; maximum amounts; authorization to exceed maximum; payment for certain services	Requires a service	No - This relates to a customer of the agency for which the deliverable is handled by another entity	No Change
17-3-510	State	Statute	Circuit Public Defender Selection Panel, county representation, nomination of Circuit Public Defender, election of Circuit Public Defender	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
17-3-520	State	Statute	Circuit Public Defender, qualification, responsibilities	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-530	State	Statute	Chief county public defenders, responsibilities and duties	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-540	State	Statute	Maintenance and staffing of county public defender offices	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-55	State	Statute	Carry-forward of unpaid obligations	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-550	State	Statute	Funding	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
17-3-560	State	Statute	Administration of Funds	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-3-570	State	Statute	Administration of Personnel	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-3-580	State	Statute	Public Defenders, requirements as to employment	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-3-590	State	Statute	Office space and equipment	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
17-3-600	State	Statute	Existing contracts for providing indigent defense services: Contracts for indigent services in existence at time Act enacted remain effective until expire or one year from effective date of act, whichever is sooner.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
17-3-80	State	Statute	Appropriation for expenses of appointed private counsel and public defenders; restrictions and limitations	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
17-3-85	State	Statute	Fiscal year-end disposition of unexpended appropriations for payment of private appointed counsel for counties without public defender corporations	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
17-3-90	State	Statute	Vouchers for payment for services by private appointed counsel and for reimbursement of expenses; approval and submission for payment	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
2023-24 SC Appropriations Act, Parts 1A & 1B, Section 61	State	FY23-24 Proviso	Budgetary Expenditure and Proviso Authority	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
44-48-10	State	Statute	Short Title - Sexually Violent Predator Act	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
44-48-100	State	Statute	Standard for determining predator status, control, care, and treatment of person, release, mistrial procedures; persons incompetent to stand trial.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-110	State	Statute	Periodic mental examination of committed persons, report, petition for release; hearing; trial to consider release. Provides for right to counsel; payment for expert services.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-120	State	Statute	Petition for release; hearing ordered by court; examination by qualified expert, burden of proof. Provides for payment for expert services.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-130	State	Statute	Grounds for denial of petition for release.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-140	State	Statute	Restricted release of confidential information and records to agencies and Attorney General.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-150	State	Statute	Evidentiary records; court order to open sealed records.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-160	State	Statute	Registration of persons released from commitment.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
44-48-170	State	Statute	Involuntary detention or commitment; constitutional requirements.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-20	State	Statute	Legislative Findings	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-30	State	Statute	Definitions	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-40	State	Statute	Notification to team, victim and AG regarding release, hearing or parole, effective date of parole or release; immunity.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-50	State	Statute	Multidisciplinary team; appointments; review of records; membership	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-60	State	Statute	Prosecutor's review committee; scope of review; membership requirements.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-70	State	Statute	Petition for probable cause determination.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-48-80	State	Statute	Determination of probable cause; taking person into custody; hearing; evaluation. Requires notification of right to counsel.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
44-48-90	State	Statute	Trial; trier of fact; continuation of trial; assistance of counsel; access of examiners to person; payment of expenses. Requires court to appoint counsel for indigent person and to authorize reasonable payment for expenses for professional expert services.	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
63-19-1040	State	Statute	Indigent defense. In determining indigence for appointment of legal counsel for child in delinquency proceeding, court must determine financial ability of parents to retain counsel. If parents could afford to retain counsel but refuse, court appoints counsel and may order parents of reimburse Indigent Defense Fund or pay court-appointed attorney an amount determined by the court.	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
63-19-810	State	Statute	Taking a child into custody. Sets forth rules for detention and release of children accused of violations of criminal laws, requirements for notification of certain persons, information to be provided to those persons, and restrictions of use of such information.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change



Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
63-19-830	State	Statute	Detention hearings, screenings. Requires court to appoint counsel for child at detention hearing if none is retained. Prohibits child from proceeding without talking to attorney at least once.	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
63-7-1620	State	Statute	Legal representation in child abuse and neglect cases. Provides for appointment of legal counsel for children, parents/legal guardians of children, or other persons subject to any judicial proceeding who cannot afford legal representation.	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
63-7-2560	State	Statute	Representation by Counsel; guardian ad litem - (A) In Termination-of-Parental-Rights actions, requires that the family court appoint counsel to represent parents, guardians, or other persons entitled to legal counsel, who are unable to afford legal representation. (B) Requires appointment of attorney for the guardian ad litem to protect the child's interests in certain circumstances.	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change
63-9-320	State	Statute	Persons not required to give consent or relinquishment. In adoption matters, requires that the family court appoint legal counsel to represent an incompetent indigent parent unless good cause is shown to waive that appointment.	Requires a service	Legal Services	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
US Constitution 14th Amendment	Federal	Statute	Requires the state to provide equal protection and due process under the law.	Requires a manner of delivery	Any person entitled to counsel under the Constitution of the United States determined to be financially unable to retain counsel	No Change
US Constitution 6th Amendment	Federal	Statute	Guarantees a citizen the right to a speedy and public trial, an impartial jury, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to confront witnesses against him, to present witnesses in his favor, and to be represented by an attorney	Requires a manner of delivery	Any person entitled to counsel under the Constitution of the United States determined to be financially unable to retain counsel	No Change

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## Services Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

E230 - COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2025	Summary of changes to services
Manages the Financial, Budgeting, Information Technology and Human Resources duties for the agency's division to include all reporting requirements by all the central service agencies, Executive and Legislature Branches of State Government.	The Executive Branch; Legislative Branch and State Agencies	The Executive Branch; Legislative Branch and State Agencies		Administration	Establishes and monitors programs and services for the delivery of legal representation to indigent defendants in State courts	Financial, statistical and programmatic information and services would not be provided to the Executive, Legislative, Judicial Branches or other State Agencies, creating a breakdown in data systems and the courts	No Change	
The Division of Appellate Defense represents defendants in criminal appeals to the Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court.	Those persons that have been charged with a crime and their indigency status has been approved, so legal representation has been provided.	South Carolina persons that have been charged with a crime		Division of Appellate Defense	Represents indigents in the majority of criminal appeals, including death penalty appeals before the SC Court of Appeals and the SC Supreme Court	Those individuals who have appeals cases to be heard by the Courts would see their wait times for the case extend beyond the acceptable time for handling appeals	No Change	
The Division of Appellate Defense represents defendants in criminal appeals to the Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court.	The Judicial Branch	The South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court		Division of Appellate Defense	Represents indigents in the majority of criminal appeals, including death penalty appeals before the SC Court of Appeals and the SC Supreme Court	The South Carolina Supreme Court and Court of Appeals would slow down or come to a halt, causing a huge backlog of cases.	No Change	
The Office of Circuit Public Defenders provide legal representation to indigent defendants charged with criminal offenses in the South Carolina Court system.	Those persons that have been charged with a crime and their indigency status has been approved, so legal representation has been provided.	South Carolina persons that have been charged with a crime		Office of Circuit Public Defenders	Provides a consistent and fair statewide public defender system with standards and accountability for the delivery of legal representation to indigent defendants in State courts	Those individuals who have criminal cases to be heard by the courts would see their wait times for their case extend beyond acceptable time frames for handling cases.	No Change	
The Office of Circuit Public Defenders provide legal representation to indigent defendants charged with criminal offenses in the South Carolina Court system.	The Judicial Branch	The South Carolina General Session, Magistrate and Municipal Courts		Office of Circuit Public Defenders	Provides a consistent and fair statewide public defender system with standards and accountability for the delivery of legal representation to indigent defendants in State courts	The General Sessions Courts would slow down or come to a halt, causing a huge backlog of cases.	No Change	

Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2025	Summary of changes to services
The Death Penalty Trial Division represents indigent defendants in death-penalty trials.	Those persons that have been charged with a Capital Crime and their indigency status has been approved, so legal representation has been provided.	South Carolina persons that have been charged with a crime		Death Penalty Trial Division	The Death Penalty Trial Division represents indigent defendants in death-penalty trials as well as consulting services and defense training to other lawyers representing clients in capital trials.	Those individuals who have a Capital Criminal case to be heard by the courts would see their wait times for their case extend beyond acceptable time frames for handling cases.	No Change	
The Death Penalty Trial Division represents indigent defendants in death-penalty trials.	The Judicial Branch	The South Carolina General Sessions Courts		Death Penalty Trial Division	The Death Penalty Trial Division represents indigent defendants in death-penalty trials as well as consulting services and defense training to other lawyers representing clients in capital trials.	The General Sessions Courts would slow down or come to a halt, causing a huge backlog of cases.	No Change	

2025	<u>Partnerships Data</u> as submitted for the Accountability Report by: <b>E230 - COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE</b>		
Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Local Government	County Governments in South Carolina	The county governments in South Carolina work in conjunction with SCCID in providing funding the Public Defender Offices in the 16 Judicial Circuits within their counties.	No Change
Individual	General Public of South Carolina	Those citizens of South Carolina that have been charged with a crime and their indigency status has been approved, so legal representation has been provided.	No Change
Local Government	Municipal Governments in South Carolina	The municipal governments in South Carolina work in conjunction with SCCID and the Public Defender Offices in the 16 Judicial Circuits within their counties.	No Change
State Government	SC Court of Appeals and SC Supreme Court	The Appellate Defense Division and Death Penalty Trial Division works with the SC Court of Appeals and the SC Supreme Court to provide fair and consistent legal adjudication.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Judicial Department	Integration of the Office of Public Defenders into the South Carolina Judicial Departments Case Management System to allow legal case information to be accessed by the Public Defenders.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Social Services	SCCID has an MOU with SCDSS to ensure that legal representation was provided to individuals who are going through the Family Court process with SCDSS under the Title IV (E) program. SCCID has contract attorneys that handle cases in the family court and represent those individuals in abuse and neglect and Termination or Parental Rights cases.	Add

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
State Government	South Carolina Department of Mental Health	SCCID has an MOU with SC Department of Mental Health to process voucher payments for attorneys who handle civil commitment cases. SCDMH reimburses SCCID monthly for the payments made from the previous month.	Add

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**Reports Data**

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

E230 - COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

Report Name	Law Number (if applicable)	Summary of information requested in the report	Date of most recent submission DURING the past fiscal year	Reporting Frequency	Type of entity/entities	Method to access the report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact (if not provided to LSA for posting online)	Changes to this report during the past fiscal year	Explanation why a report wasn't submitted
Agency Accountability Report	§1-1-810	The report "must contain the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met." Agencies must "identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures."	September 2024	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	Provided to LSA for posting online	No Change	
Detailed Expenditure/Revenue Reports by Circuit PCC/CID (Proviso 117.101)		All Circuit Public Defenders Offices must provide all their allocations and expenditures from the previous fiscal year that closed on June 30th	September 2024	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	Provided to LSA for posting online	No Change	
Fines and Fees Report (Proviso 117.70)		(1) the code section, regulation, or proviso that authorized the fines and fees to be charged, collected, or received; (2) the amount of the fine or fee; (3) the amount received by source; (4) the purpose for which the funds were expended by the agency; (5) the amount of funds transferred to the general fund, if applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place; and (6) the amount of funds transferred to another entity, if applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place, as well as the name of the entity to which the funds were transferred. The report must be posted online by September first. Additionally, the report must be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by September first. Funds appropriated to and/or authorized for use by each state agency shall be used to accomplish this directive.	August 2024	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	Provided to LSA for posting online	No Change	
GAAP Accounts Payable Report (Package 3.12)		Accurate reporting in accordance with GAAP requires the analysis and recognition of prior year payables.	September 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Rodney Grizzle	No Change	
GAAP Capital Assets (Package 3.08)		Ensure the accuracy of the information reported in SCEIS and to collect certain information related to capital assets which are not captured in the ASSET Module or the SCEIS General Ledger.	September 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Rodney Grizzle	No Change	
GAAP Fund Balance and Net Position (Net Asset) Reporting (Package 3.20)		Transactions, including, but not limited to, revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable.	August 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Rodney Grizzle	No Change	
GAAP Master Control Report		The Master Control Report provides guidance and direction through a checklist format for the reporting package forms to be completed by the agency	July 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Rodney Grizzle	No Change	



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GAAP Operating Expenses Report (Packet 3.09)		GAAP require the State disclose in the Notes to its financial statements the terms of non-cancelable operating leases	August 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Rodney Grizzle	No Change	
Information Security and Privacy Survey		Survey is used help provide a better understanding of the progress made in the implementation of statewide security initiatives and policies.	June of 2023	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Rodney Grizzle	No Change	
IT Data Collection Planning Report		The report is to update DOA on any changes or updates on the agency's IT plans.	August 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Rodney Grizzle	No Change	
Minority Business Employment Utilization Plan		To emphasize the use of minority small businesses by state agencies in all aspects of procurement.	July 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Jeff Smith	No Change	
Minority Business Employment Utilization Quarterly Reports		To emphasize the use of minority small businesses by state agencies in all aspects of procurement.	April 2025	Quarterly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Jeff Smith	No Change	
Proviso 117.161 (Employee Retention and Recruitment)		For Fiscal Year 2024-25 the Circuit Solicitors and the Circuit Public Defenders shall provide a report on the current pending General Sessions Warrants. This report will be sent to the Chairman of the Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.	January 2025	Twice a year	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Rodney Grizzle	No Change	
Proviso 117.21 (Pass-Thru Funds) Legal Aid		Each state agency receiving funds that are a direct appropriation to a non-profit organization, prior to disbursing the funds, shall require from each recipient organization a plan of how the state funds will be spent and how the expenditures will provide a public benefit. The Executive Budget Office, Department of Administration shall provide each state agency with a standard form for collecting the information required. After receiving the funds, non-profit organizations shall provide quarterly spending updates to the respective state agency. After all state funds have been expended, each organization shall provide an accounting of how the funds were spent. State agencies receiving funds pursuant to this provision shall report the information collected to the Executive Budget Office, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by June 30th. No funds in this act shall be disbursed to organizations or purposes which practice discrimination against persons by virtue of race, creed, color or national origin.	June 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	Rodney Grizzle	No Change	
South Carolina State Auditor's Office		Audit of the agency for fiscal year 23-24	June 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Rodney Grizzle	Add	

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### SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - Reorganization and Compliance
  - FY2025 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Development
  - Legal
  - Services
  - Partnerships
  - Report or Review
  - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

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