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The Honorable Edward R. Tallon, Sr.
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Dear Representative Tallon:

You have asked that we review the chart outlining the sentencing sheet process that you compiled based on information received during the House Legislative Oversight Committee's study of the Department of Corrections (SCDC). The chart does appear to accurately reflect the process at the time of the review. However, the South Carolina Judicial Branch (SCJB) continues the partnership with SCDC and representatives of the solicitors to improve the delivery of timely, accurate and concise sentencing information to SCDC and other stakeholders in the criminal justice system. I provide below a recap of the progress we have made in a four phase plan which should culminate with a fully automated criminal sentencing delivery system. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the plan have already been completed, and Phase 3 is tentatively scheduled to be completed by late October/early November, 2020. Phase 4 is slated for the first quarter of 2021.

**In Phase 1, SCJB provided SCDC Access to View Sentencing Information:
(Completed 7/2019)**

- Provided the ability to login via Citrix (provided user names and password)
- Provided the ability to view the actual case record with sentence information
- Provided a method to download a .txt file for a specific case or choose from a date range
- Provided the specific data points listed below

Layout of Data Transmitted to SCDC		
Field	Description	Type
void		
caseno	Caseno	varchar2
name	Name	varchar2
date of birth	Date of Birth	date (format YYYYMMDD)
ssn	Social Security Number	number
warrant ticket	Warrant/Ticket Number	varchar2
arrest date	Date of Arrest	date (format YYYYMMDD)
disp	Disposition Type	number
disp date	Date of Disposition	date format YYYYMMDD)
sn code	Sentence Code	number
cdr code	Offense Code	number
statute	statute	varchar2
sn lit	Sentence Literal	varchar2
Disposition Types		
1	Guilty	
2	Trial Guilty	

In Phase 2, SCJB provided SCDC Additional Sentencing Data Points: (Completed 7/2020)

- Total Sentence/Units
- Incarcerated Sentence/ Units
- Probation Sentence/ Units
- Consecutive Sentence Checkbox – Y/N/Blank field

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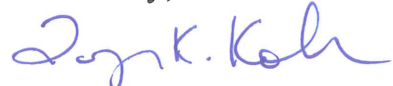
Additionally, SCJB implemented program and business logic for the courts to send SCDC information regarding Capital Sentencing. This change also improved sentencing literal information by creating standard text for all literal sentencing.

Phase 3, SCJB is currently in the development stage. Phase 3 will provide the courts the ability to enter the sentencing information into CMS and produce a computer generated sentencing sheet and also provide a sentencing API for SCDC and other State agencies to access sentence information.

Phase 4, SCJB will develop a web stand-alone application the courts will use to enter sentence information and be able to apply a digital signature to the computer generated sentence sheet. Other State agencies will still be able to retrieve the sentence data using the Sentencing Application Programming Interface (API).

Thank you for allowing us to provide further information on this important subject. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,



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