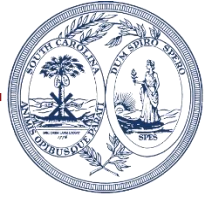




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The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
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To the Honorable Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton:

The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice has faithfully provided the HLOC monthly data reports since April 2017 as a part of the Legislative Oversight's Committee's mandate. The initial one-page document evolved into an expansive report upon the Committee's request effective August 2017.

Although our final mandatory report was submitted in April 2018, we in good faith, have continued to provide this document to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) for the past 32 months to demonstrate our transparency and commitment to operational efficiency. However, since that time we have developed several internal resources that will make this information available to members of the committee and the general public through our website – djj.sc.gov.

While this information will no longer be provided directly to the Committee in its current format, similar data points will be accessible on our DJJ Data Hub webpage. This innovative resource will go live February 15, 2021. In addition to static data, users will have the ability to run trend reports and access biannually published Performance-based Standards (PbS) Reports and annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) findings.

In conclusion, DJJ remains committed to improving the conditions of confinement for youth within our secure facilities and long-term outcomes for those in our care. Enclosed you will find our final HLOC data report that will conclude our data reporting period as of December 31, 2020. We sincerely thank the Committee for its continued support of DJJ as we remain steadfast in our efforts to enhance services provided to youth and communities across the state. If you have questions or concerns regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. B. Pough'.

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