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Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Mr. Earle Powell, Director
Ms. Marcia Lindsay, Deputy Director
Legislative Audit Council
1221 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 315
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Request Study of Program Evaluation Report

Dear Mr. Powell and Ms. Lindsay:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request a review of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Program Evaluation Report (PER) pursuant to S.C. Code Section 2-2-60(D).

Representative Kirkman Finlay III chairs our House Legislative Oversight Committee's Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee. The Subcommittee began its study of DJJ in March 2015. As part of the study, the Committee requests the agency provide information in its PER on the total amount of funds it had available in previous years and how those amounts were allocated among the agency's strategic plan goals and objectives. The purpose of this request is to determine how much the agency spent in trying to accomplish each goal and objective so that information can be compared with the results actually obtained by the agency.

At the specific request of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee, in order to ensure the Committee continually improves how it requests information and to determine the best methodologies an agency can utilize to provide the most accurate information about how much it spends to accomplish its goals and objectives, I concur, pursuant to the authority granted by S.C. Code Section 2-2-60(D) and House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 7.6, with the request for the Legislative Audit Council to perform a study of the Committee's Program Evaluation Report and response from DJJ, in particular, the Strategic Investment portion of the report.

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If you have any questions concerning this study request, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for the important work that you do for the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Wm. Weston J. Newton

cc: The Honorable Jay Lucas, Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives
The Honorable Tommy Pope, Speaker Pro Tempore of the South Carolina House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kirkman Finlay III, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee Chair
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