



# **SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

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## **REGULATIONS UPDATE**

**To:** County Administrative Officers  
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**Subject:** Commission on Indigent Defense: *Screening for Indigent Defense Services*

Please take note of the following items of interest from the STATE REGISTER. PLEASE CIRCULATE TO APPROPRIATE STAFF FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT. To view any proposed or final regulation online, go to <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/regnsrch.php>. You can search by document number, subject or agency. If you have any questions or comments, or are interested in obtaining a copy of any regulation, please call the SCAC offices at 1 800 922 6081.

### **DRAFTING NOTICES**

#### **Commission on Indigent Defense: *Screening for Indigent Defense Services***

The South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense proposes to draft a regulation to establish a uniform process to be used in the screening and determination of indigency and qualifications for services for indigent legal representation. Interested persons may submit written comments to Hervery B. O. Young at SCCID, Post Office Box 11433, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. To be considered, all comments must be received in writing no later than July 31, 2019, the close of the drafting period.

Synopsis: The Commission is proposing a uniformed screening process which can be followed by county screening entities to screen applicants for indigent defense representation. Currently, the various screening entities are conducting screening differently and using different standards to determine if applicants are indigent and eligible for indigent defense services. To ensure an effective, efficient and transparent indigent screening process, a uniformed method will be implemented in the following counties: Aiken, Allendale, Chester, Clarendon, Florence, Horry, Laurens, Marlboro, Richland, and Spartanburg. Legislative review of this proposed regulation is required.