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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 15, 2023

TO: All Indigent Defense Attorneys

FROM: Chris E. Roberts, Division Director *CR*

RE: Licensing of Investigators by Alabama Private Investigation Board

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The Office of Indigent Defense Services (OIDS) has been advised by the Alabama Private Investigation Board (APIB) of a change in policy for the licensing of investigators retained by counsel for indigent clients. Investigators retained by counsel have been exempted from the licensing requirement of Alabama Code §34-25B-3 pursuant to §34-25B-24(8)(c). Effective January 1, 2024, APIB will no longer consider investigators retained by counsel in indigent matters exempt from the licensing requirement of §34-25B-3 pursuant to the aforementioned-exemption section. As such, effective January 1, 2024, any private investigator retained by counsel on behalf of an indigent client must be licensed by the APIB pursuant to §34-25B-1, et al., to receive payment from the Fair Trial Tax Fund. APIB maintains a database of licensed private investigators on their website at [www.apib.alabama.gov](http://www.apib.alabama.gov). Any questions about the licensing requirements or change in policy should be directed to the APIB.