

ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION (#0328)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 – Executive Recommendation

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Sentencing Commission is responsible for instituting sentencing standards to ensure sanctions imposed following conviction are proportional to the seriousness of the offense and the extent of the offender's criminal history. The Sentencing Commission has developed the sentencing grid, the seriousness reference table, and established transfer eligibility for all offenses. The Commission also provides data analysis of criminal justice laws, policies, and practices including population projections for the Departments of Correction and impact assessments of proposed legislation to the Governor and General Assembly.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$460,457 the first year and \$460,457 the second year of the biennium.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Commission is funded from General Revenues through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund.

II) APPROPRIATIONS/CHANGES:

Additional appropriation and general revenue funding reflected in the following line items each fiscal year:

- regular salaries \$16,705 and personal services matching of \$3,667 for the reclassification of two positions.
- \$3,500 operating appropriation increase for increased printing costs.
- \$51,000 Professional fees for costs associated with mandates required by the Public Safety Improvement Act of 2011.

III) POSITIONS: Two Position Reclassifications:

G179C Legal Services Specialists reclassified to G073C Attorney

C046C Legal Support Specialist reclassified to G179C Legal Services Specialist

Total Positions for FY 2015: 5

Total Positions for FY 2014: 5

Extra Help Positions: 0

Total Budgeted Positions for FY 2013: 5

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE: NONE