

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 806 - Sentencing Commission State Operations

**Funding Sources:** HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

The Arkansas Sentencing Commission was established by Act 532 & 550 of 1993 as codified at Arkansas Code 16-90-801 - 16-90-804 for the purpose of instituting sentencing standards to ensure that sanctions imposed following conviction are proportional to the seriousness of the offense of conviction and the extent of the offender's criminal history. The Commission has developed the sentencing grid, the seriousness reference table and established transfer eligibility for all offenses. The Commission provides impact assessments of proposed legislation for the Governor and General Assembly through a professional service contract with the Institute on Crime, Justice and Correction. This contract also has provided training to the staff of the Sentencing Commission and the Department of Correction in the use of a software program that is utilized in data analysis of criminal justice laws, policies and procedures. The Commission consists of nine (9) Commissioners that are appointed by the Governor for a five-year term.

This is the operating appropriation of the Commission. It is funded entirely by general revenue.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$20 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$410 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

For the 2013-15 Biennium, the Board is requesting the following change levels:

- Salaries and Personal Services Matching of \$36,381 (\$29,833 salaries and \$6,548 matching) in appropriation and general revenue funding for both FY14 and FY15 to reclassify two current positions to Attorney positions.
- \$3,500 in appropriation and general revenue funding for both years of the biennium in Operating Expenses commitment item due to increased printing costs.
- \$51,000 in appropriation and general revenue funding for both years of the biennium in Professional Fees commitment item for increased professional service contracts.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request with the exception of one of the position requests. The Legal Support Specialist is recommended to be reclassified to a Legal Services Specialist.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

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Commitment Item		2011-2012	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014			2014-2015		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Regular Salaries	5010000	237,146	222,434	229,702	257,447	247,597	247,597	257,447	247,597	247,597
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	73,488	72,608	69,280	80,963	78,801	78,801	80,963	78,801	78,801
Operating Expenses	5020002	62,620	60,006	64,748	63,506	63,506	63,506	63,506	63,506	63,506
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	4,282	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550
Professional Fees	5060010	19,000	19,000	19,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>396,536</b>	<b>378,598</b>	<b>387,280</b>	<b>476,466</b>	<b>464,454</b>	<b>464,454</b>	<b>476,466</b>	<b>464,454</b>	<b>464,454</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
General Revenue	4000010	396,536	378,598		476,466	464,454	464,454	476,466	464,454	464,454
Total Funding		396,536	378,598		476,466	464,454	464,454	476,466	464,454	464,454
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>396,536</b>	<b>378,598</b>		<b>476,466</b>	<b>464,454</b>	<b>464,454</b>	<b>476,466</b>	<b>464,454</b>	<b>464,454</b>

FY13 Budget amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2011-2013 Biennium.