

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 salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments. The Base Level salary of the unclassified position reflects the FY11 line item maximum. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries does include board member stipend payments.

The Base Level Request is \$373,247 for both fiscal years of the 2011-2013 biennium.

The Change Level Requests submitted are \$3,677 in FY2012 and \$677 in FY2013. This change level request represents an increase in FY2012 of \$3,000 for printing and publishing the sentencing guidelines benchbook. This book is updated each biennium to include changes made to criminal laws made during the previous legislative session. Additionally, \$677 is needed for travel due to increased costs of collecting data from the circuit clerk's offices throughout the state.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

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Commitment Item		2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012			2012-2013		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Regular Salaries	5010000	196,513	200,543	217,784	217,756	225,041	225,041	217,756	229,702	229,702
#Positions		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Personal Services Matching	5010003	59,839	63,602	66,156	67,193	68,341	68,341	67,193	69,280	69,280
Operating Expenses	5020002	67,804	64,748	83,340	68,425	64,748	64,748	65,425	64,748	64,748
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	4,376	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550	4,550
Professional Fees	5060010	16,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		344,532	352,443	390,830	376,924	381,680	381,680	373,924	387,280	387,280

Funding Sources										
General Revenue	4000010	344,532	352,443		376,924	381,680	381,680	373,924	387,280	387,280
Total Funding		344,532	352,443		376,924	381,680	381,680	373,924	387,280	387,280
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		344,532	352,443		376,924	381,680	381,680	373,924	387,280	387,280