

**ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION (#0328)**

**FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**As Enacted by Act 548 of 2015**

**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 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 \$468,379.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The Commission is funded from general revenues through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account of the Revenue Stabilization law.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS:**

- Operating expenses increase of \$1,000 for increased rent and lease expenses.
- Reallocation of \$5,250 between operating expenses and professional fees commitment items to reflect actual expenditures.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS: (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions: 5)**

Total Authorized Positions FY2016: 5

Total Base Level Positions: 5

Increase / (Decrease) over Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 0 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help: 0)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

None