

STATE CRIME LABORATORY (0955)

FISCAL YEAR 2018

As Enacted by Act 146 of 2017

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The State Crime Laboratory provides forensic and scientific laboratory services, written analysis of evidence and corroborative testimony for all of the state's law enforcement and criminal justice community to assist in the apprehension and conviction of individuals involved in criminal cases.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for FY2018 is \$15,941,749.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The State Crime Lab is funded from general revenues through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, a portion of uniform filing fees collected in circuit court pursuant to A.C.A 16-10-313 and through a fund transfer from the Administration of Justice Fund. Additional revenue sources include federal grants from the US Dept. of Justice and special revenues generated from the forfeitures of funds and property derived through court proceedings and a mandatory fine required by convicted persons required to submit to a DNA sample. Crime Lab receives twenty percent (20%) of all forfeitures over the first \$20,000 of forfeitures per county, per year.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**CRIME LAB - FEDERAL** - This appropriation is funded by grants from the United States Department of Justice. The appropriation is increased by \$1,000,000 in Capital Outlay each year of the biennium to purchase new laboratory equipment and to replace outdated equipment.

**DNA SECTION - SPECIAL REVENUE** - This appropriation is funded by Special Revenue generated by a mandatory fine of not less than \$250 for persons required to submit a DNA sample. The appropriation totals \$1,252,270 which is \$261,750 over base level and includes the following changes:

- Operating Expenses increases \$223,000 to pay for maintenance and laboratory supplies due to increased case load.
- Conference and Travel increases \$28,750 to support the accreditation required by the FBI's DNA Advisory Board Standards for analysts to attend training.
- Professional Fees increases \$10,000 to purchase proficiency tests that are required by their accrediting body and the FBI.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total Authorized Positions FY2017: 144)**

Total Authorized Positions FY2018: 144

Total Base Level Positions FY2017: 144

Increase / (Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 0 (Base Level Extra Help: 0)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

None.