

ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

(AGENCY 0328) - 2009-11 BIENNIUM

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 BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total biennial budget for the Sentencing Commission is \$382,416 the first year and \$390,830 the second year.

FUNDING SOURCE

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

II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS

Biennial budget provides for an increase of \$8,025 FY10 and \$ \$10,700 FY11 for computer replacement and software purchases, increases of \$2,000 each year for contract increases and \$1,000 for travel to attend national conferences. .

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:

Total Positions for FY 2009-11 Biennium: 5

Total Positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 5

Extra Help Positions: 0

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE