

**ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION (#0328)**

**FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 - ACT 101 OF 2013**

**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 APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$464,454 each year of the biennium.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The Commission is funded from general revenues through the miscellaneous agencies fund account.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:**

Additional appropriation and general revenue funding reflected in the following line items each fiscal year:

- regular salaries \$16,705 and personal services matching of \$3,667 for the reclassification of two positions.
- \$3,500 operating expense increase for printing costs.
- \$51,000 Professional fees for costs associated with mandates required by the Public Safety Improvement Act of 2011.

**III) POSITIONS: (2) reclassifications:**

G179C Legal Services Specialists reclassified to G073C Attorney  
C046C Legal Support Specialist reclassified to G179C Legal  
Services Specialist

**Total Positions for FY 2015: 5**

**Total Positions for FY 2014: 5**

Extra Help Positions: 0

**Total Budgeted Positions for FY 2013: 5**

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE: NONE**