

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (0053)

FISCAL YEAR 2016

As Enacted by Act 872 of 2015

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Attorney General's Office is charged with the responsibility of acting as the attorney for all state officials, departments, institutions and agencies. The Attorney General is also responsible for defending the state in federal courts and for issuing legal opinions on constitutional or legal questions. The AG's Office also administers the Crime Victims Reparation Program, the Medicaid Fraud Program, Consumer Protection Division, and the Consumer Utilities Rate Advocacy Division.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$26,135,138 for FY2016.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

Funded through the State Central Services Fund, Special Revenues (from funds transferred from State Administration of Justice Fund (AOJ) allocations), Federal Funds, and Fund Balances.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**-State Central Services

Appropriated at \$16,561,177 for FY2016 which is \$893,904 over base level for increases in salaries for the transfer of two positions from the Crime Victims Reparations Program, operating expenses, conference & travel, professional fees and capital outlay.

**MEDICAID FRAUD**-Federal Funds

Appropriated at \$1.8 million for FY2016 to pay 75% of total costs of program with restoration of Capital Outlay to FY2015 authorized level of \$27,583.

**MEDICAID FRAUD**-State Central Services

Appropriated at \$617,927 for FY2016 to pay 25% of total costs of program with restoration of Capital Outlay to FY2015 authorized level of \$7,000.

**MEDICAID FRAUD-INDIRECT COSTS**-Federal Funds

Appropriated at \$465,571 for FY2016 which is \$166,871 over base level due to possible increases in federal funding.

**CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION**-AOJ

Appropriated at \$4,951,935 for FY2016 which is an increase of \$872,972 over base level with excess appropriation in a new Child Advocacy Center line item if an additional funding source becomes available.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total Authorized Positions FY2015:174)**

Total Authorized Positions FY2016: 174

Total Base Level Positions: 174

Increase/(Decrease): 0

Reclassification of Courier I (\$29,351) to Solicitor General (\$124,595) with no salary and match appropriation increase.

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 12 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help:12)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**ATTORNEY FEES:** The disbursing officer of the appropriations shall deposit all monies received by the Office of Attorney General as attorney fees in the State Central Services Fund as direct revenues.

**TRANSFER PROVISION:** Authorized to transfer appropriation and funding between line items in Section 3 - Operations.

**FEES:** Authorizes AG's Office to charge fees to governmental units to reimburse for expenditures made of behalf of governmental unit.