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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Commission's major program goal is to coordinate all activities involving the prosecution for criminal cases in this state and provide uniform and efficient administration of justice through the prosecution of criminal cases. The Commission determined that its statutory duties proscribe the agency's mission and objectives. It is against these statutory requirements that the agency measures its performance. The Commission has the following duties:

1. Coordinate all administrative functions of the offices of the Solicitors and any affiliate services operating in conjunction with the Solicitors' offices;
2. Submit the budgets of the Solicitors and their affiliate services to the General Assembly;
3. Encourage and develop legal education programs and training programs for Solicitors and their affiliate services, organize and provide seminars to help increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the prosecution of criminal cases in this State, and act as a clearinghouse and distribution source for publications involving Solicitors and their affiliate services and provide legal updates on matters of law affecting the prosecution of cases in this State; and
4. Provide blank indictments for the Circuit Solicitors.

During calendar year 1997, the sixteen Judicial Circuit Solicitors' Offices disposed of 111,418 General Sessions cases during 873.70 terms of court. The General Sessions dispositions have increased from 109,514 in 1992 to 111,418 in 1997. During the same period, the Solicitors' offices disposed of 24,636 juvenile delinquency cases during 1,038.10 terms of court. The Family Court dispositions for juvenile crime alone have increased from 18,666 in 1992 to 24,636 in 1997.

The Commission provided and co-sponsored professional training for prosecutors, victim/witness assistance advocates, pretrial intervention personnel, investigators, law enforcement and social workers throughout the year. It is through these training programs that the Commission seeks to improve the criminal justice system.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The SC Commission on Prosecution Coordination (SCCPC) coordinates all administrative functions of the offices of the solicitors and affiliate services to include submission of the budgets, developing and providing both legal education and training programs, and serving as a clearinghouse and distribution source for publications involving solicitors and affiliate services, provide blank indictments, and assists the solicitors in establishing and maintaining a pretrial intervention program in each judicial circuit.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS:

Priority Ranking - The Commission has two programs:
I. Administration
II. Employee Benefits.

Program Name - I. Administration

Program Cost - State: \$10,042,955 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0

Program Goal - The Commission coordinates all activities involving the prosecution of criminal cases in this State.

Program Objectives:

- to provide legal education programs and training programs for solicitors and their affiliate services;
- to provide blank indictments to the sixteen judicial circuit solicitors;
- to provide legal updates as it relates to the office of solicitor;
- to provide criminal history data to the Pretrial Intervention Programs across the state;
- to aid the Solicitors in addressing the burgeoning caseloads in the state;
- to submit the budgets of the Solicitors and their affiliate services to the General Assembly;
- to provide a special prosecutor to handle sensitive cases involving crimes of child abuse and sexual assault.

Performance Measures:

- organize and schedule legal education seminars for the prosecutors of this state as well as training programs for affiliate services;
- provide blank indictments to the office of the solicitor upon request;
- prepare news summaries, legal and legislative updates as it relates to the office of the solicitor;
- provide the office of solicitor with essential data and computerized information (criminal history and prior participation) on a pretrial applicant;
- hire additional prosecutors and staff who will be diligent in their efforts in handling the burgeoning caseload;
- prepare an annual budget request; and
- upon request, the Child Abuse Attorney Specialist will serve as a special prosecutor across the State and will assist on cases of child abuse and sexual assault.

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