

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of State Police
Forensic Science Improvement (Formula)**

On May 28th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Police to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$285,933 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement grant program.

The Coverdell grant program funds improvements to forensic science processes in state and local government forensic labs through a formula grant and through a competitive grant program. The State Police has applied for both types of grants. The agency's application for formula funds would pay for improvements to reduce backlogs in the toxicology and chemistry disciplines. Neither grant program requires a state match. If successful, the agency may need to return to the Legislature for additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.