

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

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 \$250,000 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 competitive funds would reduce a backlog in the Fingerprint Unit, by funding report-writing software and overtime costs. 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.