

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO.

Senate Bill 6

PRINTER'S NO.

995

AMOUNT

\$13,099 - \$18,744

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

March 19, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Brubaker

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, March 19, 2009

Reported as amended, April 28, 2009

First consideration, April 28, 2009

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, April 29, 2009

Re-reported as amended, May 5, 2009

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 6 establishes the Pennsylvania Commission on Stimulus Accountability (PCSA) to provide oversight and accountability for all funds distributed through Pennsylvania from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

The PCSA will be comprised of the Secretary of the Budget, three Cabinet Members, a member from each of the four legislative caucuses, and three members of the general public. The Governor, President Pro Tempore, and Speaker each appoint one of the public members.

The PCSA is required to track, monitor, and report on all monies received through the ARRA. The Commission is also empowered to make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding legislation, regulation, or policies relating to the use of funds.

The Office of the Budget is required to create and maintain an internet website to provide information on the expenditure of funds.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Members of the PCSA are not entitled to compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses. Using the federal General Services Administration's guidelines for per diem reimbursement, and given the fact that PCSA members who are also members of the Cabinet or General Assembly can receive reimbursement through their respective departments, we calculate the fiscal impact to be between \$13,099 - \$18,744. We assume costs for providing information, copying documents, website hosting can reasonably be paid for out of existing Office of the Budget appropriations.