

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 2081

PRINTER NO. 3144

AMOUNT

\$5,850,000

FUND

General Fund Restricted Revenue Account

DATE INTRODUCED

March 13, 2018

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Markosek

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 2081 appropriates \$5,850,000 from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) in the Office of Attorney General.

The OCA represents Pennsylvania utility consumers in matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) and other state and federal agencies and in courts. The OCA also represents the interests of Pennsylvania consumers in non-governmental organizations, such as the PJM Interconnection.

The OCA is funded through a direct assessment on the companies that are under the jurisdiction of the PUC. No General Fund revenues are used to support the OCA's operations.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 2081 reflects the Governor's recommended Fiscal Year 2018-19 appropriation of \$5,850,000, an increase of \$164,000 for the OCA.