

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 685

**PRINTER NO.** 806

**AMOUNT**

\$5,686,000

**FUND**

General Fund Restricted Revenue Account

**DATE INTRODUCED**

May 5, 2017

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Browne

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 685 appropriates \$5,686,000 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, 2017, or immediately, whichever is later.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 685 reflects the Governor's recommended fiscal year 2017-18 appropriation of \$5,686,000 for the OCA.