

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1056

PRINTER NO. 1528

AMOUNT

\$6,025,000

FUND

General Fund Restricted Revenue Account

DATE INTRODUCED

February 6, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Browne

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1056 appropriates \$6,025,000 from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) in the Office of the Attorney General.

The OCA represents Pennsylvania utility consumers in matters before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) and other state and federal agencies. The OCA also represents the interests of Pennsylvania consumers in non-governmental operations, 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, 2020, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 1056 will cost the restricted revenue account within the General Fund \$6,025,000 in Fiscal Year 2020-21. That preliminary funding amount is level with last year's budget and represents a \$179,000 decrease from the Governor's proposed level. The appropriation will be revised when a final funding amount for Fiscal Year 2020-21 is determined.