

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 2656

PRINTER NO. 3213

AMOUNT

\$6,204,000

FUND

General Fund Restricted Account

DATE INTRODUCED

June 8, 2022

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Saylor

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2656 appropriates \$6,204,000 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, 2022, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 2656 will cost the restricted revenue account within the General Fund \$6,204,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. That funding amount is level with FY 2021-22.