

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 259

PRINTER NO. 236

AMOUNT

\$75,802,000
\$280,000

FUND

Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund
Restricted Revenue Account

DATE INTRODUCED

February 22, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Browne

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 259 appropriates \$75,802,000 from the Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry for administration of the Workers’ Compensation Act and the Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act for Fiscal Year 2021-22. The fund is supported by annual assessments on insurers and self-insurers under the act.

Senate Bill 259 appropriates \$280,000 from the restricted revenue account within the Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development for the operation of that office for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 259 will cost the Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund \$75,802,000 in Fiscal Year 2021-22. That preliminary funding amount is level with last year’s enacted budget and represents no change from the Governor’s proposed level.

Senate Bill 259 will cost the Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund \$280,000 in Fiscal Year 2021-22 for the operation of the Office of Small Business Advocate. That preliminary funding amount is level with last year’s budget and represents no change from the Governor’s proposed level.