

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 261

PRINTER NO. 238

AMOUNT

\$6,204,000

FUND

General Fund Restricted Revenue Account

DATE INTRODUCED

February 22, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Browne

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 261 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, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 261 will cost the restricted revenue account within the General Fund \$6,204,000 in Fiscal Year 2021-22. That funding amount is level with last year's budget and the Governor's proposed level.