

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1060

PRINTER'S NO. 1196

AMOUNT

\$5,189,000

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 10, 2011

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Corman

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 10, 2011

Reported as committed, May 23, 2011

First consideration, May 23, 2011

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1060 appropriates \$5,189,000 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.

Senate Bill 1060 funds the OCA at the level recommended in the Governor's FY 2011-12 budget. This is an \$11,000 decrease (0.2%) from the FY 2010-11 appropriation of \$5,200,000.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, or immediately, whichever is later.