

Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate OBH39300

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Insurance Fund	-	-	-	-	-	4	4

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 21	Actual FY 22	Appropriation FY 23	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	378,000	387,000
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	65,500	65,500
Other Current Expenses							
Fringe Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	391,000	401,000
Indirect Overhead	-	-	-	-	-	22,500	22,500
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	-	-	-	-	-	857,000	876,000

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to Establish the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate as a New Agency

Personal Services	-	-	378,000	387,000	378,000	387,000
Other Expenses	-	-	65,500	65,500	65,500	65,500
Fringe Benefits	-	-	391,000	401,000	391,000	401,000
Indirect Overhead	-	-	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
Total - Insurance Fund	-	-	857,000	876,000	857,000	876,000
Positions - Insurance Fund	-	-	4	4	4	4

Background

Sections 10-11 of PA 23-101, *An Act Concerning the Mental, Physical and Emotional Wellness of Children*, established the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate, which is within the Insurance Department for administrative purposes only. The office must consist of the Behavioral Health Advocate, who is the agency head and appointed by the Governor, and sufficient staff as the requirements and resources of the office permit. The staff must include at least one attorney and one patient care navigator.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$857,000 in FY 24 and \$876,000 in FY 25 across Personal Services, Fringe Benefits, Other Expenses, and Indirect Overhead accounts and four positions to establish a new agency: the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate. Funding is provided to support a Behavioral Health Advocate and up to three additional staff. Because the agency is supported by the Insurance Fund, fringe benefits and indirect overhead are funded within the new agency's budget.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - IF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	857,000	876,000	857,000	876,000
Total Recommended - IF	-	-	857,000	876,000	857,000	876,000

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25	FY 24	FY 25
FY 23 Appropriation - IF	-	-	-	-	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	4	4	4	4
Total Recommended - IF	-	-	4	4	4	4