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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Vitale

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### SUMMARY

- States that it is the General Assembly's intent to amend and enact laws to reform and modernize the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC).

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### PUCO and OCC reform and modernization

The bill states that it is the General Assembly's intent to amend and enact laws to reform and modernize the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC).<sup>1</sup>

PUCO regulates utility service providers, including electric, natural gas, telephone, water, wastewater, rail, and trucking companies.<sup>2</sup> OCC is the statewide legal representative for Ohio's residential consumers in matters related to their investor-owned electric, natural gas, telephone, and water services.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1.

<sup>2</sup> Ohio Public Utilities Commission, *How the PUCO works for you*, (accessed May 14, 2019), <https://www.puco.ohio.gov/how-the-puco-works-for-you/>. See, generally R.C. Title XLIX.

<sup>3</sup> Ohio Consumers' Counsel, *What is the OCC?* (Accessed May 14, 2019), <http://www.occ.ohio.gov/content/about-occ>. R.C. Chapter 4911.

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-14-19

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