

## 150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 3

SPONSOR: Representative Longhurst

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO

PARTNER WITH A FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS

TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY LOAN PROGRAM FOR DELAWAREANS EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE

PARTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.

## **Assumptions:**

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

- 2. This Act authorizes the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collaborate with financial institutions and non-profit providers to establish a temporary loan program for furloughed and unpaid Federal employees as a result of the shutdown caused by a lapse in Federal appropriations.
- 3. This Act allows State assistance that includes the provision for a loan guarantee that may not exceed \$80,000.
- 4. According to the Department of Finance, approximately 525 Delaware residents who work for the US federal government are not being paid because of the government closing.
- 5. Current data indicates that the average employee affected by the shutdown earns an annual salary of between approximately \$70,000 and \$80,000.
- 6. The Department of Finance estimates that up to 40% or 210 of Delaware's federal workers may be in need of support during the shutdown and would take advantage of the temporary loan program.
- 7. This analysis assumes an annual interest rate of 2.5% on these temporary loans.
- 8. This analysis assumes a default rate of 6.0%

## **State Cost:**

FY 2019: \$55,500 to \$63,400

FY 2020: \$0

FY 2021: \$0

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