

148TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 365 AS AMENDED BY HA 1
SPONSOR:	Representative Bentz
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This Act is effective upon its enactment.
2. This Act removes the prohibition against receipt of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds by persons convicted of a drug felony. TANF is the cash assistance program that is the principal form of assistance available to most families in poverty to pay for things like electricity bills or school supplies.
3. Currently, the children can receive TANF even if an adult is disqualified. Thus, this Act would increase the household payment by \$69.00 if Delaware allowed a drug felon parent to be included in the grant.
4. There are currently 32 drug felon parents participating in TANF. Assuming the grant would increase these families by \$69.00, the monthly additional cost of adding these parents would be \$2,208 a month or \$26,500 annually.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2017:	\$22,100.00
Fiscal Year 2018:	\$4,400.00
Fiscal Year 2019:	-

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(Amounts are shown in whole dollars)