149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 171**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Henry**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16, TITLE 21, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FREE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act will take effect 180 days from the date of enactment.

2. This Act acknowledges individuals who are released from prison face many hurdles as they re-enter the community, including difficulty obtaining identification documents. This Act requires the Department of Correction to provide individuals who are being released from the custody of the Department of Correction, after six months of incarceration following conviction, with a Delaware Personal Credential Card. An individual may present this card to receive a no-cost certified copy of their birth certificate and one identification card or driver's license, if otherwise eligible.

3. The average number of individuals released from Department of Correction's custody following a term of incarceration of six months or more is 3,426. This number is based on a three year average of Fiscal Year 2015, Fiscal Year 2016, and Fiscal Year 2017 of individuals released from custody.

4. This Act will result in a loss of revenue to the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Vital Statistics for issuing a birth certificate at no cost to released offenders (issuance cost is $25). Assuming 50% of all participants in the universe population of 3,426 were born in Delaware and would elect to redeem the no-cost birth certificate, the estimated loss of ASF revenue is anticipated at $42,825.

5. This Act will result in a loss of revenue to the Department of Transportation issuing an identification card or a driver's license at no cost to released offenders, which cost $20 and $40 each, respectively. The estimated loss of revenue will be based on whether the released offender chooses an identification card or a driver's license. Based on the average number of offenders released per fiscal year, which is 3,426, and assuming that 25% of the released offenders will choose an identification card and 25% of the offenders will choose a driver's license, the estimated loss of revenue for the Department of Transportation is projected to be $51,360 (856 x $20 = $17,120) and (856 x $40 = $34,240).

Revenue Loss – Appropriated Special Fund

Fiscal Year 2019	$42,825
Fiscal Year 2020	$42,825
Fiscal Year 2021	$42,825

Revenue Loss - Transportation Trust Fund:

Fiscal Year 2019	$51,360
Fiscal Year 2020	$51,360
Fiscal Year 2021	$51,360

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