



**150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 29
AS AMENDED BY: HA 1
SPONSOR: Representative Dukes
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DNA ANALYSIS AND DATA BANK.

Assumptions:

1. This Act would become effective upon the receipt of a federal grant to the State pursuant to the Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act of 2012, or upon a specific annual appropriation in the Annual Appropriations Act and upon signature of the Governor.
2. This Act would require that any person arrested of a crime related to sexual offenses or offenses relating to children, and incompetents must submit to DNA testing. This Act would also require testing of any individual who is currently incarcerated and convicted of a violent felony under Title 11 of the Delaware Code.
3. In 2017, the Statistical Analysis Center reports that a total of 5,763 samples would have been taken by law enforcement for qualifying offenses at the time of the arrest that would require DNA sampling.
4. The Division of Forensic Science (DFS) estimates an annual cost of \$202,400 in supplies, which includes:
 - a. Additional testing consumables of \$13,000 per month, totaling \$156,000, including capillary arrays, well plates, adhesive seals, amplification kits and other related supplies; and
 - b. Buccal swab kits vary in cost depending on the vendor and other kit specifics. This estimate assumes a cost of roughly \$8.00 per kit, totaling \$46,400, for the 5,800 kits needed per year.
5. Additional training for law enforcement may be necessary but is not assumed in this fiscal note.
6. Annual recurring costs to DFS may be reduced should another source of federal grant money be received by DFS, but is not assumed in this fiscal note.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2020: \$202,400
Fiscal Year 2021: \$202,400
Fiscal Year 2022: \$202,400

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