



150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE

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**BILL:** SENATE BILL NO. 68  
**SPONSOR:** Senator Townsend  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEADLY WEAPONS.

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act, known as the Delaware Assault Weapons Prohibition Act of 2019, becomes effective 60 days upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act prohibits the manufacture, sale, offer to sell, transfer, purchase, receipt, possession, or transport of assault weapons in Delaware, subject to certain exceptions.
3. This Act creates a voluntary certificate of possession to enable persons who lawfully possess an assault weapon before the effective date of this Act to be able to, no later than 1 year from the effective date of this Act, apply to the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for a certificate of possession for assault weapons that are lawfully owned.
4. The Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Delaware State Police, State Bureau of Identification (SBI) estimates that it would require an expansion of a minimum of 3.0 FTE sworn and 6.0 FTE civilian personnel positions to implement and enforce this Act. The tables below detail the positions identified:

<b>Sworn FTE Position Costs</b>			
<b>Number of FTEs</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Year 1 Cost</b>	<b>Year 2 Cost</b>
3.0	Delaware State Trooper	\$251,484	\$288,819
	One-Time Initial Start-Up Operating Costs	\$226,992	
	Recurring Operating Costs		\$17,148
	<i>Subtotal for Sworn FTE Position Costs</i>	<i>\$478,476</i>	<i>\$305,967</i>

<b>Civilian FTE Position Costs</b>		
<b>Number of FTEs</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Total Annual Cost</b>
2.0	Licensing Specialist	\$99,032
2.0	Criminal History Technician II	\$94,523
1.0	Ten Print Examiner (Senior Forensic Print Examiner)	\$66,796
1.0	SBI Supervisor (SBI Criminal Records Manager)	\$63,406
	Recurring Operating Costs, \$800 for each position	\$4,800
	<i>Subtotal for Civilian FTE Position Costs</i>	<i>\$328,557</i>

- Costs in the tables above include all personnel, health insurance, and other employment costs. An additional one-time operation expense of \$2,700 per position, or \$24,300 total, is projected for office furniture, technology, software costs, related to the startup for both sworn and civilian positions.
5. This Act would require the Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS) to make significant programming and system modifications to the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to ensure compliance. DELJIS will require specialized contractual staff to make coding changes and estimates it would require one-time funding of \$150,000 to complete these updates.
  6. Finally, it is assumed that if other legislation is passed requiring system reprogramming changes and additional FTE positions, that savings and efficiencies could be realized, thereby reducing the costs associated with this Act and other legislation affecting any or all of the agencies mentioned above.

**Cost:**

	<b><u>Operating/Recurring</u></b>		<b><u>One-Time</u></b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2020:</b>	\$483,368	(10 months)	\$401,292
<b>Fiscal Year 2021:</b>	\$634,524		
<b>Fiscal Year 2022:</b>	\$634,524		

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