



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 147
SPONSOR: Representative Shupe
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor. Upon signature, the requirements of this Act apply to any applicable legislation introduced, but not yet enacted by, the 151st General Assembly.
2. This Act requires the Controller General to cause to be prepared an economic impact analysis on legislation that increases the state's minimum wage.
3. This Act requires that any legislation that increases the state's minimum wage may not be considered by the Senate or the House, or a standing committee of the Senate or the House without the economic impact analysis.
4. The economic impact analysis must determine the economic impact of increasing the minimum wage in the State including background information, the effect of the minimum wage increase on state government, the effect of the minimum wage increase on statewide employment and wages, the prices of goods and services, inflation-adjusted output, and the distribution of labor and capital income. The economic impact analysis must analyze the economic impact of a minimum wage increase over at least a 5-year period.
5. Due to the complexity and scope of the economic impact analysis required under this Act, the Office of the Controller General will need to procure services to satisfy the requirements. Bid results of a formal request for bids or proposals for these services are difficult to determine. However, surveys among potential service providers indicate initial cost estimates of \$45,000-\$85,000.
6. The amount of time necessary to complete the prescribed economic impact analysis is estimated to be a minimum of 45-90 days.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2022: \$45,000-\$85,000
Fiscal Year 2023: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2024: Indeterminable

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