



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 213
SPONSOR: Representative Mitchell
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE AND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO A VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT CENTER.

Assumptions:

1. This Act takes effect upon the signature of the Governor.
2. This Act provides the Town of Elsmere (Elsmere) with the authorization to create a Voluntary Assessment Center (VAC) and establishes procedures governing the creation and operation of the VAC.
3. Presently, cases handled through voluntary assessment mail-in or online payment procedures carry court costs of \$20.00.
4. Establishing a VAC within the boundaries of Elsmere would result in a general fund (GF) revenue loss to the State as the court costs associated with each voluntary assessment issued by Elsmere Police Department (EPD) would instead be collected by Elsmere.
5. In 2019, EPD issued approximately 3,221 charges, resulting in a collection of \$64,420. It is estimated that the revenue loss associated with this Act would be around \$65,000 annually.

Cost:

Estimated GF Revenue Loss

Fiscal Year 2022:	\$65,000
Fiscal Year 2023:	\$65,000
Fiscal Year 2024:	\$65,000

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