



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 151
SPONSOR: Senator S. McBride
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18, TITLE 21, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PROVIDING FOR DRIVER EDUCATION TRAINING, A DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE FOR A CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES OR AN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO EXTENDED JURISDICTION.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act seeks to establish a pilot program within the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) that would pay the cost of driver education, licensure, other costs incidental to licensure, and motor vehicle insurance aiding youth in foster care.
3. This Act appropriates \$60,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 to the OCA for the establishment, the development of operating and administering procedures for implementation, and associated reporting requirements of this program by December 1, 2022.
4. The OCA has indicated that they do not have the necessary staff for the logistical and implementation needs that would be required to establish this pilot program. The OCA advises it would require 1.0 FTE, Family Services Program Support Administrator for the successful establishment and execution for implementation by December 1, 2022. For this reason, it is estimated that this FTE would need to be authorized sometime during the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2022.
 - a. The OCA estimates additional recurring costs of \$41,925 for 6-months funding of Personnel Costs, including OECs (at a rate of 32.11%), and one-time costs of \$2,800 for computer equipment, software needs, and office furniture startup costs for the new position.
5. Fiscal Year 2022 personnel costs are estimated at 6-months of funding and annualized in the following years and include the \$60,000 appropriation referred to in Section 9 of this Act. All personnel costs are estimated to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

	<u>Recurring/Operating Costs</u>	<u>One-Time Costs</u>
Fiscal Year 2022:	\$41,925	\$2,800
Fiscal Year 2023:	\$145,527	
Fiscal Year 2024:	\$147,238	

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