



151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE

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**BILL:** SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 FOR 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.

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**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 and associated reporting requirements of this program to be implemented the earlier of April 1, 2023, or the date of publication in the Register of Regulations of a notice by the Child Advocate that the Act is to be implemented.
4. The OCA has indicated that they do not have the additional 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. For this reason, it is estimated that the FTE would need to begin, at a minimum, sometime during the third or fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2022.
  - a. Recurring costs are estimated at \$21,092 for 3-months of funding of Personnel Costs, including OECs (at a rate of 33.11%), 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 3-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:**

	<b><u>Recurring/Operating Costs</u></b>	<b><u>One-Time Costs</u></b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2022:</b>	\$21,092	\$2,800
<b>Fiscal Year 2023:</b>	\$146,056	
<b>Fiscal Year 2024:</b>	\$147,777	

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