151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 271**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Heffernan**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 13 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act will provide the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF), through the Division of Family Services (DFS), the statutory authority to provide transitional and independent living services to foster youth from age 21 to age 23 years.

3. Upon implementation, the DFS assumes an additional 35 youth per month will receive case management services and an additional 5 youth per month will receive transitional living services.

4. The DFS estimates costs associated with the additional youth served to include monthly case management services of $200 per youth and transitional living costs of $1,450 per youth. Yearly estimates are totaled at $84,000 for case management and $87,000 for transitional living.

5. The DSCYF is requesting approval from the Administration for Children and Families (Federal Partner) to fund this program with dollars related to the Applicable Child IV-E grant. Any federal funding approved for use will offset the total funding needs outlined in this analysis.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2023: $171,000
Fiscal Year 2024: $171,000
Fiscal Year 2025: $171,000

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