

151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 351

SPONSOR: Representative Morrison

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 11 AND 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO

CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Assumptions:

1. Upon the signature of the Governor, this Act takes effect January 1, 2023.

- 2. This Act requires candidates for either House of the General Assembly to obtain a criminal background check.
- 3. This Act requires the Department of Elections (Department) to receive all candidates' criminal history background checks and determine that the individual is qualified under the Delaware Constitution before being considered a candidate.
- 4. To implement the provisions of this Act, the Department anticipates the need for one casual/seasonal Administrative Specialist II position and associated personnel costs of \$14,035 for the peak filing period of January through July.
- 5. Costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2023: \$0 Fiscal Year 2024: \$14,035 Fiscal Year 2025: \$14,315

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