151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 345**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Minor-Brown**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to establish and provide midwifery or doula services to pregnant women and women who have given birth within the past six weeks in custody at a Level IV or V facility subject to the availability of funds.

3. The DOC anticipates that 10-12 women would be eligible and provided access to these services annually between Baylor Women's Correctional Institution and the Hazel D. Plant Women's Treatment Facility. This estimate could fluctuate based on population numbers.

4. The DOC has researched external providers that can provide the necessary doula services as outlined in this Act. It is estimated that a single provider can offer these comprehensive services at both DOC facilities through the execution of a contract for an estimated $351,734 annually.

5. This fiscal projection does not include inflation or escalation costs that may be incorporated into a negotiated executed contract in future years.

Cost:

	Operating/Recurring
Fiscal Year 2023:	$351,734
Fiscal Year 2024:	$351,734
Fiscal Year 2025:	$351,734

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