

## 151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 249

SPONSOR: Senator Brown

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE

OFFICE OF NEW DELAWAREANS.

## **Assumptions:**

1. This Act is effective upon signature of the Governor.

- 2. This Act establishes the "Office of New Delawareans" within the Department of State.
- 3. The Office of New Delawareans ("Office") is tasked with various responsibilities including:
  - a. Respond to inquiries about immigration issues in the State.
  - b. Serve as an information clearinghouse for immigration-related policy issues.
  - c. Analyze economic, demographic and other trends impacting immigrants.
  - d. Convene various stakeholders in business, government, immigrant-serving organizations and academia on subjects related to immigrants and immigration.
  - e. Disseminate information to various stakeholders.
  - f. Communicate with federal and international stakeholders to support the resettlement process for refugees.
  - g. Work with the Advisory Committee established by this Act.
- 4. Duties and responsibilities of the Office are effective upon signature. Annual funding for the Office, commencing in Fiscal Year 2023, is estimated as follows:
  - a. A total of \$526,100 which includes:
    - \$319,700 Personnel Costs for 4.0 FTEs including 1.0 Director, 1.0 Community Relations Coordinator, 1.0 Human Relations Representative, and 1.0 Administrative Specialist.
    - ii. \$206,400 Operating costs (Rent, Marketing, Translation services, temporary staffing)
- 5. Future year personnel costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

## Cost:

Fiscal Year 2023: \$526,100 Fiscal Year 2024: \$532,494 Fiscal Year 2025: \$539,016

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