151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 450**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Longhurst**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DEADLY WEAPONS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act, known as the Delaware Lethal Firearms Safety Act of 2022, becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act prohibits the manufacture, sale, offer to sell, transfer, purchase, receipt, possession, or transport of assault weapons in Delaware, subject to certain exceptions.
3. This Act creates a voluntary certificate of possession to enable a person who lawfully possesses an assault weapon before the effective date of this Act to be able to, no later than one year from the effective date of this Act, apply to the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS) for a certificate of possession for assault weapons that are lawfully owned.
4. The DSHS, Delaware State Police, State Bureau of Identification (SBI) estimate that it would require additional civilian and sworn personnel to implement and enforce this Act. The Fiscal Year 2023 costs are estimated at $402,274, and one-time costs are estimated at $514,799 and are as follows:
    a. Addition of 5.0 FTE positions to the SBI for regulation and enforcement.
        i. Recurring Costs – $402,274
            1. $355,424 in Fiscal Year 2023 Personnel Costs (9-months of funding), including OECs, for 3.0 FTEs, Intelligence Analyst; 1.0 FTE, Network Technician II; and 1.0 FTE, Sergeant.
            2. $31,250 is estimated for a lease agreement for a facility to house the new positions.
            3. $15,600 estimated for high-speed fiber needs.
        ii. One-Time Costs – $514,799
            1. $34,808 estimated for computer and technology equipment, office furniture, and other startup costs for the new civilian positions.
            2. $84,335 estimated for computer and technology equipment, office furniture, vehicle, vehicle outfitting & maintenance, fuel needs, and other startup costs for the new sworn position.
            3. $305,656 for the estimated initial supply of registration cards and a dedicated computer to use for registration.
            4. $90,000 estimated for a network switch, security, access control, and other cabling needs.
5. Lastly, all Fiscal Year 2023 personnel costs have been estimated for 9-months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining 3-months incorporated into subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary, health insurance, and OECs.

Cost:

	One-Time	Recurring/Operating
Fiscal Year 2023:	$514,799	$402,274
Fiscal Year 2024:		$530,227
Fiscal Year 2025:		$539,894

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