



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 416
SPONSOR:	Representative Bush
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEAVES.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon the signature of the Governor.
2. Currently, 19 DE Admin. Code 3001 (containing the State Merit Rules), Section 6.5.1.1 provides 112.5 hours leave with pay for 37.5 hour/week employees and 120 hours leave with pay for 40 hour/week employees to attend training camp or special duty on orders as a member of the military reserves of the United States or the National Guard employees. This Act amends Delaware Code regarding the Merit System by adding a new subsection increasing this leave to 225 hours for 37.5 hour/week employees and 240 hours for 40 hour/week employees respectively.
3. Based on data from the State's PHRST system, there were 15,318 hours military leave taken in calendar year 2021 under the current Merit System provisions by 169 employees for training/reserves and for military duty leave of absences. Of this amount, 12,142 hours with a "value" of \$285,990 were taken by general funded employees who were employed on a 40 hour/week schedule.
4. It is assumed that those employees who took the maximum leave for training/reserves under the current Merit Rule provisions would take an additional 50% under the provisions of this Act, while those employees taking a leave of absence would take the entire increase authorized under this Act. It is also assumed this leave would require the employing agency to utilize overtime to cover this absence.
5. A 2% salary inflation is assumed in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2023:	\$222,498
Fiscal Year 2024:	\$226,947
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$231,486

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