152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 44**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Brown**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act establishes the "Office of New Americans" ("Office") within the Department of State. The 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-service organization 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.

3. Upon enactment, annual funding for the Office, commencing in Fiscal Year 2024 is estimated as follows:
    a. A total of $543,620 which includes:
        i. $337,220 – Personnel Costs, including other employment 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 (travel, supplies & materials, rent, marketing, translation services, temporary staffing, capital outlay).

4. Future year personnel costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2024:	$543,620
Fiscal Year 2025:	$581,877
Fiscal Year 2026:	$591,441

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