



152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REVISED FISCAL NOTE

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**BILL:** SENATE BILL NO. 52  
**SPONSOR:** Senator Pinkney  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STERILE NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act amends Title 29 of the Delaware Code related to the Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program.
3. This Act requires the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health (DPH) to operate the Needle and Exchange program providing needles and syringes on an as-needed basis rather than as a 1-for-1 exchange program.
4. According to DHSS, in the last 12 months, there were a total of 16,794 individual instances of exchange with a range of 20 to 50 syringes per instance. In January of 2023, 34,659 syringes were exchanged through 1,431 separate instances of exchange for the month. With the number of syringe exchanges increasing yearly, DHSS assumes 45,000 syringes will be distributed per month by January 2024.
5. Assuming the separate instance of exchange will remain at approximately 17,000 in the next year, and assuming the number of syringes per exchange increases to 100, DPH anticipates needing an additional 850,000 to 1,360,000 syringes per year. The pricing for syringes fluctuates between \$0.08 and \$0.10 per syringe.
6. A cost of \$100,000 is estimated in year one allowing for an average of 1,150,000 additional syringes at a median price of \$0.09. Costs are assumed to increase 3% based on utilization and instances of exchange increases.

**Cost:**

Fiscal Year 2024:	\$100,000
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$103,000
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$106,090

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