152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 to HOUSE BILL NO. 55**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Lynn**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon enactment; however, it is to be implemented the earlier of one year from the date of enactment or notice by the Chair of the Human and Civil Rights Commission that the required regulations have been promulgated.

2. This Act creates a "Homeless Individuals Bill of Rights," providing for the protection for individuals experiencing homelessness from discrimination while in public places, while seeking access to housing, employment, or temporary shelter.

3. The Act empowers the Department of State, Division of Human and Civil Rights and the State Human and Civil Rights Commission authority to investigate and enforce the Bill of Rights.

4. To implement the provisions of this Act, the Department of State estimates the need for 1.0 FTE, Human Relations Representative II, and associated personnel costs of $75,665, including Other Employment Costs at a rate of 31.93%. The Department also indicates the need for contractual services funding of $25,000 for outreach and communications efforts.

5. Fiscal Year 2024 costs assume six months implementation to allow for the promulgation of regulations by the Commission. Future year personnel costs are assumed to increase at an annual rate of 2%.

6. The Fiscal Year 2024 Governor's Recommended Budget for the Department of State, Division of Human and Civil Rights includes one additional Human Relations Representative II for overall workload increases. It is assumed that if this position is authorized and funded through the budget, no additional personnel costs or FTE authorization will be required upon implementation of this Act.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2024:	$ 50,333
Fiscal Year 2025	$102,179
Fiscal Year 2026	$103,722

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