



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 170
SPONSOR: Representative K. Williams
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11, TITLE 16, AND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act requires the Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC) to provide quarterly updates and annual reports to the Delaware Anti-Trafficking Action Council on its efforts regarding suspected cases of human trafficking of a child and expressly requires multidisciplinary responses to suspected cases. This Act also codifies a review panel and oversight committee within CPAC for these cases, with equal authority, subpoena power, and immunities provided to the system that reviews child abuse deaths and near deaths, and establishes that the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) will staff the review panel and oversight committee.
3. The OCA anticipates requiring an additional Family Services Program Support Administrator to handle and coordinate the additional responsibilities created by this Act. The Fiscal Year 2024 personnel costs, including other employment costs (OECs) at a rate of 31.83%, for the FTE position are estimated at \$79,120, and one-time funding of \$3,000 for projected technology equipment and furniture costs related to the startup of the position.
4. Lastly, the Fiscal Year 2024 personnel costs have been estimated for nine months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining three months incorporated into subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary and OECs.

Cost:

| | <u>One-Time</u> | <u>Operating/Recurring</u> |
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| Fiscal Year 2024: | \$3,000 | \$79,120 |
| Fiscal Year 2025: | | \$107,603 |
| Fiscal Year 2026: | | \$109,755 |

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