152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 202**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Huxtable**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon signature. Increased benefits provided by this Act are effective for claims submitted on or after July 1, 2023.

2. This Act increases the total line of duty death benefit for claims submitted on or after July 1, 2023, from $200,000 to $375,000. In addition, this Act increases the maximum annual payable amount from $40,000 to $50,000 for those covered persons as defined in 18 Del. C §6601(2).

3. There are currently two claims submitted after July 1, 2023, that are pending. In addition to these two claims, the fiscal impact assumes the State will pay two additional line of duty death benefit claims in FY 2025 and then two annually thereafter based on the trend of claims paid by the State.

4. Claims are currently paid over a 5-year period. Based on the revised terms of this Act, claims would be paid over an 8-year period.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2025:	$40,000 (2 pending + 2 new claims)
Fiscal Year 2026:	$60,000 (2 new claims + FY 2024-2025 claims)
Fiscal Year 2027:	$80,000 (2 new claims + FY 2024-2026 claims)

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