152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 251**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Hansen**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE INSTITUTE OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EDUCATION AND THE DELAWARE VETERINARIAN MEDICINE EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act establishes the Delaware Veterinary Medicine Education Advisory Council to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture (Department) and requires the Department to provide reasonable staff support to assist the Advisory Council in performing its duties.

3. The Department believes it will require additional funding to assist the Council with the following:
   a. Research and complete a landscape analysis every 10 years of the veterinary needs and options present in Delaware with the first analysis completed no later than 18 months after the date of enactment.
   b. Identify methods for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the program.
   c. Identify and executing methods forging new relationships with veterinary medicine institutes throughout the country.
   d. Per the Department, an estimated $90,000 in contract funding will be necessary to complete the landscape analysis. The Department estimates it has existing funds to cover half of the total expense, therefore, it is anticipated that additional one-time resources of $45,000 will be necessary.

Cost:

	One-time
Fiscal Year 2025:	$45,000
Fiscal Year 2026:	N/A
Fiscal Year 2027:	N/A

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