



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE**

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**BILL:** SENATE BILL NO. 283  
**SPONSOR:** Senator Brown  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELJIS FUND.

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor and the date of publication in the Register of Regulations of a notice by the Controller General that General Funds (GF) were appropriated to the Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS).
2. This Act repeals the DELJIS Fund fee imposed on criminal defendants and discharges any outstanding balances on this fee.
3. The DELJIS Fund fee is a penalty assessment of \$1 imposed and collected by the courts for any criminal or traffic defendant or any child adjudicated delinquent. Collection of the penalty assessment is transmitted to an account designated the "DELJIS Fund" to be administered by the DELJIS Executive Director. The Fund covers line charges, maintenance costs, and upgrading software and hardware that comprise the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) utilized by state and local law enforcement agencies.
  - a. In Fiscal Year 2022, the fee collected \$116,255; in Fiscal Year 2023, the fee collected \$122,319. The DELJIS currently has an authorized Appropriated Special Funds (ASF) spending authority for the DELJIS Fund of \$260,000. The balance owed and would be discharged upon passage of this Act for the DELJIS Fund fee is unknown at the time of this fiscal projection.
  - b. The December 7, 2023, report issued by The Criminal Legal System Imposed Debt Study Group recommended replacing \$260,000 in lost ASF revenue to DELJIS in GF.
4. This Act takes effect on the date of publication in the Register of Regulations of a notice by the Controller General to the Registrar of Regulations that \$260,000 in GF was appropriated to DELJIS. Therefore, the projected fiscal cost is \$260,000 annually.

**Cost:**

	<b><u>Operating/Recurring</u></b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2025:</b>	\$260,000
<b>Fiscal Year 2026:</b>	\$260,000
<b>Fiscal Year 2027:</b>	\$260,000

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