152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 451**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Bush**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act would extend line of duty death benefits to 911 dispatchers, defined in 16 Del. C. §10002 as a first responder working in any 911 dispatch center who is responsible for responding to calls for emergency and nonemergency assistance and dispatching law enforcement, firefighting, rescue, or emergency medical units.
3. Under current law, line of duty death benefits include a maximum payout of $200,000. In addition, each dependent child is eligible for four years of higher education tuition as well as health insurance until the age of 26.
4. Currently there are approximately 300 911 dispatchers that would qualify for these benefits.
5. The fiscal impact to this legislation would be dependent upon a forecast of 911 dispatchers perishing in the line of duty. Estimating this is not possible, thus the fiscal impact is indeterminable.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2025:	Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2026:	Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2027:	Indeterminable

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