153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 5**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Spiegelman**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF AGENCY REGULATIONS.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act creates a 10-member Joint Committee on Oversight of Agency Regulations ("the Committee"), to engage in review and oversight of regulations adopted by state agencies. The Committee is made up of five members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives.

3. This Act requires the General Assembly to appropriate all funds necessary to carry out the Committee's purpose.

4. This Act sets compensation of the Committee members, the chair, and the vice-chair as follows:
   a. Chair and Vice Chair receive annual compensation of $4,670.
   b. Members receive annual compensation of $3,929.

   Total costs associated with compensation of committee members is estimated at $54,365 annually, including other employment costs (OECs) at a rate of 33.34%.

5. This Act requires the Division of Legislative Services to provide staff support to the Committee. Upon implementation, the Division of Legislative Services will require additional staffing and associated funding as follows:
   a. 7.0 FTEs, including 2.0 FTE Attorneys, 4.0 FTE Research Analysts, and 1.0 Administrative Assistant. Associated personnel funding is estimated in the amount of $816,508 annually, including OECs at a rate of 33.34%.
   b. Ongoing operational costs, including supplies and contractual services (software licensing, phone lines, etc.) are estimated at $10,150 annually.
   c. One-time startup costs associated with the new positions, including computers and workstations are estimated at $49,000.
   d. Additional office space will be required to accommodate these staff. It is assumed that existing space in legislative buildings would be allocated, but one-time relocation expenses and minor capital costs may be incurred. However, until space is identified, and a relocation plan is established, these costs are indeterminable.

6. First year personnel costs are estimated at nine (9) months of funding. Future year personnel costs are assumed to increase at an annual rate of 2%.

Cost:

	One-Time Costs	**Ongoing Costs**
Fiscal Year 2026:	$49,000	$678,896
Fiscal Year 2027:		$898,441
Fiscal Year 2028:		$916,206

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