153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 31**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Brown**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN BURIAL BENEFITS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon the signature of the Governor. Upon signature, the provisions of this Act become effective October 1, 2025.
2. This Act increases the burial benefit for the state employee pension plan, the State Police pension plan, and the Closed State Police pension plan from $7,000 to $10,000.
3. The total unfunded actuarial liability generated by this increase is $41,524,500 for the State Employee pension plan, and $443,200 for the New State Police pension plan. These amounts are amortized over a 5-year period. Upon amortization, the estimated annual cost to the State Employee Pension Plan is $9,368,900 for the State Employee pension plan, and $100,000 for the New State Police pension plan. These costs are estimated to increase 2.5% in each of the subsequent four fiscal years of amortization. Additionally, there is an annual normal cost of $544,400 associated with this increase.
4. The Closed State Police pension plan is funded on a pay-go basis. The estimated additional annual cost associated with increasing this benefit is $75,000.
5. It is assumed that 70% of the increased yearly required contribution for the unfunded actuarial liability and the normal cost will be from the General Fund. The Closed State Police pension plan increased cost is assumed to be funded 100% from the General Fund.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2026:	$7,084,310
Fiscal Year 2027:	$7,250,000
Fiscal Year 2028:	$7,419,890

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