



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	SENATE BILL NO. 27
SPONSOR:	Senator Brown
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon the signature of the Governor.
2. This Act establishes the "Office of New Americans" ("Office") within the Department of State.
3. The Office is tasked with various responsibilities including:
 - a. Respond to inquiries about immigrant issues in the State.
 - b. Serve as an information clearinghouse for immigration-related policy issues.
 - c. Analyze economic, demographic, and other trends impacting immigrants.
 - d. Convene various stakeholders in business, government immigrant-service organization and academia on subjects related to immigrants and immigration.
 - e. Disseminate information to various stakeholders.
 - f. Communicate with federal and international stakeholders to support the resettlement process for refugees.
 - g. Work with the Advisory Committee established by this Act.
4. Upon enactment, annual funding for the office, commencing in Fiscal Year 2026, is estimated as follows:
 - a. A total of \$593,554, which includes:
 - i. \$398,222 – Personnel Costs, including other employment costs, for 4.0 FTEs, including 1.0 Division Director, 1.0 Community Relations Coordinator, 1.0 Human Relations Representative, and 1.0 Administrative Specialist III.
 - ii. \$195,332 – Operating Costs (travel, supplies & materials, rent, marketing, translation services, temporary staffing, capital outlay).
 - iii. One-time funding of \$28,000 for furnishings, equipment, and computers, to establish the Office.
5. 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%.

<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Operating Costs</u>	<u>One-Time</u>
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$493,998	\$28,000
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$601,519	
Fiscal Year 2028:	\$609,642	

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