153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 54**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Morrison**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act seeks to amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code establishing the Office of Suicide Prevention. The Office of Suicide Prevention, housed in the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH), will be led by a Director who will report to the head of the Division.

3. DSAMH will require a 1.0 FTE Director position to meet the needs as defined in this Act. Associated personnel funding is estimated in the amount of $104,909 annually, including Other Employment Costs (OECs) at a rate of 33.34%.

4. 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%.

5. Per the Department of Health and Social Services, it is assumed that an existing, vacant FTE position will be identified and reclassified to meet the personnel needs identified in this analysis. Further, the department has identified existing federal grant funding (Non-appropriated Special Funds) an equal combination of the Mental Health Block Grant and the 988 Cooperative Agreement Grant, to cover the cost of this position. Once the 988 Cooperative Agreement Grant expires in September 2026, continued funding will be provided through the 988 Surcharge Fund (Appropriated Special Funds).

Cost:

	Special Funds
Fiscal Year 2026:	$78,681
Fiscal Year 2027:	$107,007
Fiscal Year 2028:	$109,147

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