153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 135**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Buckson**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO GRANTS-IN-AID.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act creates a six-member Joint Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIA Committee) to review requests for Grants-in-Aid made to the Joint Finance Committee and draft a recommended Grants-in-Aid bill for the Joint Finance Committee.

3. The GIA Committee is composed of three members of the House and three members of the Senate.
    a. The GIA Committee compensation and associated costs are estimated as follows:
        i. Chair and vice chair receive annual compensation of $4,670.
        ii. Members receive annual compensation of $3,929.
        iii. Total costs associated with compensation of committee members is estimated at $31,856 annually, including other employment costs (OECs) at a rate of 27.14%.
    b. GIA Committee operating and ancillary expenses (supplies, technology services, etc.) are estimated at $3,500 annually.

4. This Act requires the Office of the Controller General (OCG) to provide staff support to the GIA Committee. Upon implementation, the OCG will require additional staffing and funding as follows:
    a. 1.0 FTE, Administrative Management, and associated personnel funding estimated at $147,919 annually, including OECs at a rate of 33.34%.
    b. Ongoing operational costs, including supplies, contractual services, and grants management system licenses for GIA Committee members, estimated at $4,985 annually.
    c. One-time startup costs, including employee workstation, computer, equipment, etc., is estimated at $7,000.
    d. Additional office space will be required to accommodate the additional staff. It is assumed that existing space in legislative buildings will 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.

5. First year personnel costs are estimated at nine (9) months of funding. Future year personnel costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

	One-Time	Ongoing
Fiscal Year 2026:	$7,000	$151,280
Fiscal Year 2027:		$191,855
Fiscal Year 2028:		$195,523

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