153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 163**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Hilovsky**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE DIABETES WELLNESS PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO STUDY PREDIABETIC AND DIABETIC WELL CARE.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon signature by the Governor. Implementation of the Act shall commence 90 days after the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources ("Secretary) procures required technology resources and has sufficient participation in the program established by this Act.
2. This Act establishes the Delaware Diabetes Wellness Pilot Program ("Program"). The Program will engage a Delaware health system combined with a technology partner to regularly test, measure and manage, and incentivize a cadre of diabetic or prediabetic patients and their providers to improve the health outcomes for Delawareans and drive down health care costs. The length of the observational study/pilot will be 3 years.
3. Existing co-pay deductibles for state employee Group Health Insurance Program ("GHIP") members would apply to this program.
4. This analysis assumes the target of 500 volunteer members of the GHIP will be achieved.
5. This Act requires the Secretary to develop a request for proposal ("RFP") from GHIP providers to establish individual healthcare management plans, regular laboratory testing, and dietary counseling by specially trained dieticians and diabetic care coordinators. Actual costs would be dependent upon responses received from providers. However, based on requirements in the Act, current GHIP costs for testing and providers, and an allowance care coordination, the estimated cost for these services is $1.2 million/year.
6. This Act also requires program participants to employ continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) or other technology. Based on published pricing for various glucose monitoring systems, the annual cost to provide such technology for 500 participants is estimated to be $1.3 million.
7. It is assumed the Delaware Health Information Network ("DHIN") will provide technical assistance in enrolling participants and the analysis and reporting of results. DHIN estimates its costs for Fiscal Year 2026 at $150,000, Fiscal Year 2027 at $100,000 and Fiscal Year 2028 at $50,000.
8. The Department of Human Resources, Statewide Benefits Office, will require contractual assistance in the preparation and analysis of RFP's for providers and CGM technology. The estimated one-time cost for each RFP issued is $100,000.
9. The Statewide Benefits Office will also require 1.0 NSF FTE Health Benefits Programs Coordinator and Personnel Costs (10 months is assumed in the first year) of $91,793 for the administration of the pilot program. Given the finite nature of the pilot program, it is assumed the position will be hired as a limited term position.

10. Fiscal Year 2026 costs assume procurement of the health care provider and technology vendor, volunteer recruitment and preliminary data analysis. Full program operations are estimated to commence in Fiscal Year 2027.

Costs:

	GHIP
Fiscal Year 2026:	$ 441,793
Fiscal Year 2027:	$2,688,488
Fiscal Year 2028:	$2,762,042

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