



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	SENATE BILL NO. 179
SPONSOR:	Senator Pinkney
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE SENTENCING GUIDELINES AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act repeals the Delaware Sentencing Accountability Commission and recodifies the Delaware Sentencing Guidelines and Accountability Commission (the Commission). Additionally, this Act modernizes the Commission's mission, establishes the membership of the Commission, establishes powers and authority, and creates a duty to provide a data report annually.
3. This Act specifies that for administrative and budgetary purposes, the Commission shall be placed within the Criminal Justice Council (CJC), and shall have an Executive Director selected to serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Upon passage, the CJC will require additional staffing and funding as follows:
 - a. Recurring Costs – \$187,291
 - i. \$179,416 in the Fiscal Year 2026 Personnel Costs (9 months of funding), including OECs (at a rate of 33.34%), for 1.0 FTE, Executive Director; and 1.0 FTE, Criminal Justice Planning Coordinator.
 - ii. \$7,875 for ongoing annual operational costs, including supplies, contractual services, and Fleet Services.
 - b. One-Costs – \$5,000 estimated for computer and technology startup costs for the new positions.
4. All Fiscal Year 2026 personnel costs have been estimated for nine months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining three months incorporated into the subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary, health insurance, and OECs.

Cost:

	<u>One-Time</u>	<u>Operating/Recurring</u>
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$5,000	\$187,291
Fiscal Year 2027:		\$251,881
Fiscal Year 2028:		\$256,761

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