153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 177**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Hocker**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO A TRANSPORTATION APPEALS BOARD.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act creates a Transportation Appeals Board within the Department of Transportation (DOT). The quasi-judicial review board will review appeals of DOT actions such as grants or denials of transportation-related permits.

3. This Act expands upon the duties of the DOT. To implement the provisions of this Act, the DOT anticipates the need for the following:
   a. Recurring Costs of $155,445 for Personnel Costs, including OECs (at a rate of 33.34%), for 1.0 FTE Deputy Attorney General, 0.5 FTE Engineering/Planning/Surveying (EPS) Technician, and 0.5 FTE Administrative Specialist.
   b. One-Time Costs of $21,000 for computer equipment, software needs, and office furniture for the three new positions.

4. Fiscal Year 2026 personnel costs for the DOT are estimated at six months of funding and annualized in the following years. All personnel costs are estimated to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

	Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) Ongoing	**TTF One-Time**
Fiscal Year 2026:	$155,445	$21,000
Fiscal Year 2027:	$270,056	
Fiscal Year 2028:	$232,093	

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