



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE - REVISED**

BILL:	SENATE BILL NO. 27
SPONSOR:	Senator Brown
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon the signature of the Governor.
2. This Act establishes the "Office of New Americans" ("Office") within the Department of State.
3. The Office is tasked with various responsibilities including:
 - a. Respond to inquiries about immigrant issues in the State.
 - b. Serve as an information clearinghouse for State agencies on immigration-related policy issues.
 - c. Analyze economic, demographic, and other trends impacting immigrants.
 - d. Disseminate information to various stakeholders.
 - e. Coordinate as necessary with the Office of Immigration Assistance within the Department of Justice.
4. This Act requires the Secretary of State to appoint a Director to lead the Office. Section 133 of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget directed the Department of State to identify and appoint 1.0 vacant position to be dedicated to addressing immigrant issues in Delaware. It is assumed the identified vacant position will fill the Director role.
5. Additional recurring annual costs are estimated at \$187,756, and one-time costs are estimated at \$30,000 and are as follows:
 - i. \$72,156 in Personnel Costs, including Other Employment Costs (OECs) at a rate of 33.43%, for 1.0 FTE Community Relations Coordinator.
 - ii. \$115,600 in Operating Costs for office space, supplies, travel, translation services and public outreach.
 - iii. One-time funding of \$30,000 for furnishings, equipment, and computers.
6. First year personnel costs are estimated at nine (9) months of funding. Future year salary costs are assumed to increase at an annual rate of 2%.

<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Operating Costs</u>	<u>One-Time</u>
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$187,756	\$30,000
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$214,263	
Fiscal Year 2028:	\$216,790	

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