



153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 304
SPONSOR: Representative Romer
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act mandates that all current or prospective employees, or contractors of the Office of the Auditor of Accounts (OAOA), submit to state and federal criminal background checks. Additionally, this Act provides that the OAOA will be responsible for costs associated with these background checks.
3. The OAOA projects that, based on its current personnel complement, prospective employee trends, and current or prospective professional services contractors impacted by this Act, the OAOA would be responsible for an estimated 86 background checks upon the initial passage of this Act.
4. The current cost for a certified State of Delaware and Federal Criminal History report is \$85. Therefore, upon enactment, the OAOA may be responsible for up to \$7,310 in Fiscal Year 2027.
5. This Act provides that subsequent criminal history record information may be provided through a Rap Back System if available. For this fiscal projection, for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029, it is assumed that, for current employees, once an initial background check is completed and the employee remains with the OAOA, no additional background check will be required.
6. For Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029, it is assumed that future costs associated with background checks for new employees or contractors would depend on the length of the contract and occur on an as-needed basis. The OAOA projects that it may be responsible for up to 10 prospective employees on an annual basis, and up to 48 contractors on an annual basis, as oftentimes multiple contractors can be assigned to a particular annual contract. Therefore, in Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029, it is projected that the OAOA may be responsible for up to \$4,930.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2027: \$7,310
Fiscal Year 2028: \$4,930
Fiscal Year 2029: \$4,930

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