**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FISCAL NOTE**

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| **BILL:** | **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13** |
| **SPONSOR:** | **Senator Pettyjohn** |
| **DESCRIPTION:** | **DIRECTING THE DELAWARE JUDICIARY TO ESTABLISH A PILOT COURT DATE REMINDER PROGRAM AND TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE PROGRAM STATEWIDE.** |

**Assumptions:**

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

2. This Resolution directs the Delaware Judiciary to develop and implement a pilot court date reminder program within the Justice of the Peace Court. The program will provide automated text message notifications to individuals in advance of scheduled court appearances for criminal and traffic cases.
    a. Approximately 140,000 scheduled court events occur annually which would require notification under the pilot program. This estimate reflects the total volume of eligible criminal and traffic case appearances within the Justice of the Peace Court.
    b. The Act requires that a minimum of two text message reminders be issued prior to each scheduled court appearance.

3. The Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS) anticipates the need for development and implementation of the notification system using contractual programming staff. The pilot program is expected to leverage infrastructure currently under development for victim notification systems as established in Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 17 of the 153rd General Assembly. One-time development costs are estimated at $30,000 and are anticipated to be incurred in Fiscal Year 2027.

4. This fiscal projection assumes that ongoing contractual service costs associated with the delivery of text message notifications are estimated at $10,000 annually and are anticipated to begin upon implementation of the pilot program beginning in Fiscal Year 2027.

**Cost:**

| | One-Time Cost | Ongoing Cost |
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| **Fiscal Year 2027:** | $30,000 | $10,000 |
| **Fiscal Year 2028:** | $0 | $10,000 |
| **Fiscal Year 2029:** | $0 | $10,000 |

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