153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 291**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Pinkney**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REPORTING AND REVIEW OF DEATHS OF INDIVIDUALS IN CUSTODY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act formalizes the requirement that law-enforcement agencies report when someone dies while in law-enforcement custody and establishes formal compliance reporting among applicable agencies.
3. The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health (DPH), anticipates that, for further compliance, it would require the addition of an "in-custody" checkbox in its Delaware Vital Events Registration System (DelVERS) to allow for a Medical Examiner to specify whether a death occurred while the individual was in custody. Further, the addition of this field will ensure more accurate data collection and provide it to the Statistical Analysis Center.
    a. The DPH estimates a one-time implementation cost between $34,107 to $40,817 to complete this electronic system update.

Cost:

	One-Time Cost
Fiscal Year 2027:	$34,107 – $40,817
Fiscal Year 2028:	None
Fiscal Year 2029:	None

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