



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 365
SPONSOR:	Representative Harris
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DELAWARE INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS COMMISSION.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act establishes a nine (9) member Delaware Indigenous Affairs Commission (the "Commission") under the authority of the Secretary of State.
3. The Commission is created to strengthen ties between the State and its Indigenous population and communication between the State and the sovereign nations. It is also tasked with improving services, advising policymakers on issues unique to the Indigenous community, establishing and promoting programs and events, consulting with and partnering with individuals, organizations, and government agencies, providing a forum through public hearings, providing an annual report of its significant activities, and other duties as defined in the Act.
4. The Department of State estimates annual costs of \$20,000 to support the activities of the Commission. This may include, but is not limited to, costs for various supplies and materials needs for members of the Commission, in-state travel, hosting meetings and other related public forums, promotional costs and materials for the establishment or promotion of events, production of an annual report, subcommittee expenses, and other needs of the Commission to comply with the provisions of this Act.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2027:	\$20,000
Fiscal Year 2028:	\$20,000
Fiscal Year 2029:	\$20,000

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