147TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 72
SPONSOR:	Representative Mitchell
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A CONCEALED WEAPON.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This Act would establish a one-year minimum prison sentence on any person convicted of unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon.

2. The Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) has reviewed this Act for potential bed-space impact on the Department of Correction. Analyzing arrest and sentencing data, SAC estimates that the most likely impact is 10 DOC beds per year, with impact beginning immediately after implementation. The impact could range, however, from a minimum impact of zero beds to a maximum impact of 30.5 DOC beds. SAC is unable to determine exactly how this Act would be utilized in the prosecution process, plea bargaining and sentencing.

3. The annual cost of housing a Level V inmate is approximately $8,000 for medical and food costs only. The total cost per bed is $36,000 when all costs, such as staffing and utilities, are included.

4. The annual operating cost (medical and food) for housing 10 inmates is $80,000. The total cost (including fixed costs, such as staffing and utilities), is $360,000.

5. No inflation is assumed.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2014	$80,000
Fiscal Year 2015	$80,000
Fiscal Year 2016	$80,000

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