



**150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 283
SPONSOR:	Representative Matthews
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. Upon signature, this Act becomes effective one year after enactment.
3. This Act expands transportation benefits to students in grades 7 and 8 who live one or more miles from the public schools to which district administrators would normally assign them. Currently, students in these grades are entitled to transportation benefits if they live two or more miles from their assigned public schools (per 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1150).
4. Per the Delaware Department of Education's estimates, there are 1,015 students in grades 7 and 8 who live between one and two miles from their assigned public schools.
5. The 16 affected school districts estimate that an additional 27 bus routes will be required to accommodate the requirements of this Act.
6. The current contract cost of a 30-mile minimum bus route, including a capital allowance, is \$44,411.50.
7. Per Delaware Department of Education transportation funding formula requirements, the state share of transportation costs is calculated at 90%, while the local share is calculated at 10%.
8. Costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

	State Share	Local Share
Fiscal Year 2021:	N/A	N/A
Fiscal Year 2022:	\$1,100,783	\$122,309
Fiscal Year 2023:	\$1,122,799	\$124,755

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