## **146TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

## **FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 169

SPONSOR: Senator Marshall

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE ESTABLISHING THE

DELAWARE DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS

OR "DREAM" ACT.

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Fiscally effective for the school year beginning September 2012.

- 2. Entitled the "DREAM" Act, this legislation would allow undocumented students to pay tuition and fees at the in-state, resident rate at Delaware public higher education institutions.
- 3. This Act also provides that undocumented students shall be eligible for SEED and INSPIRE scholarships if the student meets the eligibility requirements for the respective scholarship.
- 4. Undocumented students are currently eligible for the SEED program under existing admission policies at Delaware Technical and Community College ("DTCC").
- 5. There are currently 2 undocumented students attending the University of Delaware's Associate in Arts Program of a total enrollment of 667 students. These students would otherwise be eligible for SEED but are not classified as Delaware residents.
- 6. The cost estimate is based on the following:
  - an annual tuition rate of \$4,220 (inflated by 5% in the out years)
  - each eligible student will receive the maximum SEED or INSPIRE award as undocumented students cannot receive federally-funded financial aid; and
  - 4 students receiving assistance at the University of Delaware or Delaware State University in F.Y. 2013 and 7 students in F.Y.2 014 and F.Y.2015.

## Cost:

Fiscal Year 2013 Fiscal Year 2014	4 students x \$4,220 7 students x \$4,430	\$16,880	
		\$31,010	
Fiscal Year 2015	7 students x \$4,650	\$32,550	

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