149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE
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BILL:	**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 FOR HOUSE BILL 49**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Jaques**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 14 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY.**

Assumptions:

1. Effective upon the signature of the Governor.
2. This Act, to be known as the "Representative Joseph E. Miro School Safety Act," will require new school construction or major renovations to schools to include the following safety features:
    a. A secured vestibule serving as the primary entrance to screen visitors, equipped with an intercom or voice call box and electronically released doors;
    b. Ballistic resistant glass or other ballistic resistant material in all vestibules, lobby, and office areas used to screen visitors;
    c. Classroom doors that can be locked from the outside using a key or magnetic card locking system. Classroom doors with double-sided locks must comply with State or national fire safety regulations; and
    d. Installation of a panic button or intruder alert system capable of being activated from the school office and a handheld device.
3. This Act takes effect on the 1st of January following its enactment and applies only to Certificates of Necessity (CN) that have been approved by the Department of Education after the January 1 effective date. Given that local school board CN's must be submitted to the Department of Education by August 31st of each year for consideration of capital funding for the following fiscal year, any fiscal impact due to this Act would not occur until Fiscal Year 2021.
4. Some school construction/renovation projects have incorporated some or all of these features as part of their approved CN. The Department of Education estimates that these features account for approximately 1% of the total cost of renovation/new construction.
5. The cost of school construction/renovation projects approved subsequent to August 31, 2019 that do not include the above safety features cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2019: $0
Fiscal Year 2020: $0
Fiscal Year 2021: Indeterminable

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