150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 100**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Longhurst**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act creates Mental Health Services Units for school districts and charter schools serving students in kindergarten through fifth grade (K-5).

3. This Act establishes Mental Health Services Units of state funding as follows:
   a. 1 unit for each 250 full-time equivalent students in grades K-5 for employment of full-time counselors or social workers.
   b. 1 unit for each 700 full-time equivalent students in grades K-5 for employment of full-time psychologists.

4. Currently, there are approximately 64,380 K-5 students enrolled in Delaware school districts and charter schools.

5. Based on current enrollment, this Act will generate 257.54 Mental Health Services Units of funding for full-time counselors or social workers and 91.98 Mental Health Services Units of funding for full-time psychologists.

6. The average state unit of funding for Mental Health Services Units for counselors or social workers is estimated to be $71,547, while the local share of personnel costs is estimated at $32,127. Other employment costs are assumed at a rate of 32.46%.

7. The average state unit of funding for Mental Health Services Units for psychologists is estimated to be $75,021, while the local share of personnel costs is estimated at $36,174. Other employment costs are assumed at a rate of 32.46%.

8. Overall costs are assumed to increase at an annual rate of 2.0%.

Cost:

	State Share	Local Share
Fiscal Year 2020:	$25,833,180	$11,833,298
Fiscal Year 2021:	$26,349,844	$12,069,964
Fiscal Year 2022:	$26,876,840	$12,311,363

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