



150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 103
AS AMENDED BY: SA 1
SPONSOR: Senator Poore
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act removes the Office of Child Care Licensing (OCCL) from the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families and places it within the Department of Education, Office of Early Learning.
3. This Act directs the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families to develop a transition plan for movement of the 12.9 Non-Appropriated Special Fund (NSF) FTEs and 10.1 General Fund FTEs, which comprise OCCL.
4. These FTEs represent current merit positions and follow current state employee classification pay tables. However, Department of Education employees are non-merit and do not follow current state employee classification pay tables. Upon transfer of the 23.0 FTEs to the Department of Education, additional personnel costs may be incurred; however, until further regulatory and budgetary decisions are made through the transition plan, total additional personnel costs are indeterminable.
5. Additionally, OCCL currently operates from two physical locations, one in Kent County and one in New Castle County. The Department of Education's Office of Early Learning operates from one physical location in Kent County. Additional office space/lease and equipment costs may be incurred upon enactment, but full cost estimates are indeterminable until further space studies are conducted.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2020: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2021: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2022: Indeterminable

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