



**150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 238
SPONSOR: Representative Jaques
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OPTIONAL MID-YEAR UNIT COUNT.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act allows for an optional mid-year unit count on the last school day of January for reorganized school districts that experience enrollment growth during the school year, but after the September 30th unit count has been certified.
3. This Act allows reorganized school districts to qualify for state financial support for each additional unit generated by the optional mid-year unit count at formula allocations of a Division I unit for a period of 90 days, inclusive of state-paid other employment costs; and one-half of a Division II Energy and Division II – All Other Costs unit.
4. The estimated state cost per unit generated by this Act is \$38,125. This includes Division I, 90-day personnel costs at \$35,469, including other employment costs at a rate of 32.46%, and the one-half of Division II Energy and All Other Costs units at \$2,656.
5. From September 30, 2017 to September 30, 2018, statewide student enrollment increased by 793 students. Assuming half of these students (397) enter schools between September and January, at a statewide student per unit ratio of 13.4 students per unit, an estimated 29.6 units would be generated under this Act.
6. Overall salary and other employment costs are assumed to grow at a rate of 2.0% annually.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2020: \$1,128,500
Fiscal Year 2021: \$1,149,095
Fiscal Year 2022: \$1,170,505

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