

143RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 502
SPONSOR:	Representative Schwartzkopf
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Effective upon enactment.
2. This Act amends the Code by increasing the mileage reimbursement rate for law enforcement officers transporting individuals for involuntary commitments from \$.15 per mile to \$.31 per mile. It also, increases the custody fee from \$40.00 to \$100.00.
3. According to the Department of Health and Social Services, the current cost of reimbursement is approximately \$32,250 for 215,000 miles. At the increased compensation rate of \$.31 per mile this legislation requires an additional \$34,400.
4. The Department estimates there are 180 transports annually. This would require an additional \$10,800 at the new compensation rate.

COST

Fiscal Year 2007	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$34,400
Custody Fee	<u>\$10,800</u>
	\$45,200
Fiscal Year 2008	\$45,200
Fiscal Year 2009	\$45,200

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(Amounts are shown in whole dollars)