150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 306**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Longhurst**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act establishes a Behavioral Health Professional of the Year Award program to reward outstanding Behavioral Health Professionals throughout the State annually.

3. This Act requires the 19 school districts to select one Behavioral Health Professional from each respective district, and all charter schools to select one Behavioral Health Professional to represent charter schools statewide. Selection processes must follow guidelines developed by the Delaware Department of Education.

4. The individuals chosen as Behavioral Health Professional of the Year in their respective districts will be awarded $2,000. These 20 individuals (19 districts and 1 charter) will be nominated for the statewide Behavioral Health Professional of the Year award.

5. The individual who is chosen as the statewide Behavioral Health Professional of the Year will be awarded $3,000 in addition to the district-level award. This individual will also be provided with a state special fund allocation of $5,000 to draw from, which may be used to accomplish educational purposes or objectives for students.

6. This Act makes the Behavioral Health Professional of the Year awards pensionable, necessitating other employment costs at a rate of 32.26%.

Cost:

	State	Local
Fiscal Year 2021:	$8,967	$52,904
Fiscal Year 2022:	$8,967	$52,904
Fiscal Year 2023:	$8,967	$52,904

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