151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 110**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Matthews**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.**

Assumptions:

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

2. Upon signature, this Act must be implemented no later than September 1, 2023.

3. This Act expands transportation benefits to students in grades 7 and 8 who live one or more miles from the public schools to which district administrators would normally assign them. Currently, students in these grades are entitled to transportation benefits if they live two or more miles from their assigned public schools.

4. Per the Delaware Department of Education's (the department) estimates, there are 1,015 students in grades 7 and 8 who live between one and two miles from their assigned public schools.

5. The department estimates that an additional 26 bus contracts will be necessary to transport these students in the 16 affected school districts.

6. The approximate cost for a minimum bus contract, with capital allowance, is $44,000.

7. Per the department's transportation funding formula requirements, transportation costs are calculated at a state share of 90% and a local share of 10%.

8. It is assumed that implementation will not occur until the 2023-2024 school year, which occurs in Fiscal Year 2024.

9. Costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

	State Share	**Local Share**
Fiscal Year 2022:	N/A	N/A
Fiscal Year 2023:	N/A	N/A
Fiscal Year 2024:	$1,071,196	$119,022

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