151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL NO. 82**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Lockman**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act establishes a uniform public school registration process and requires that all school districts and charter schools use the uniform public school registration process beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

3. This Act clarifies that a student must be registered in the student's district of residence before being eligible for the school choice process. The public school must provide a parent with certain information after the parent completes the registration process, including the school in which the child is enrolled.

4. This Act requires the Delaware Department of Education to establish the uniform public school registration process and ensure that it is available through the Internet and in paper form, and is available in both English and Spanish. A public school must be certified as having completed training from the Department of Education on the uniform public school registration system prior to providing paper forms as part of the registration process.

5. This Act requires the Department of Education to provide training regarding the uniform public school registration process and issue guidelines. The Department of Education must also provide uniform information about the uniform public school registration system which public school districts must provide on the school's website and in other publications.

6. The Department of Education has already begun efforts to establish the uniform public school registration process required under this Act. Federal funding is being used for the development of the student registration system, but state funding is necessary to provide for the ongoing operational and maintenance costs of the system. The department estimates this ongoing annual cost to be $350,000.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2022:	$350,000
Fiscal Year 2023:	$350,000
Fiscal Year 2024:	$350,000

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