



151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE

---

**BILL:** HOUSE BILL NO. 389  
**SPONSOR:** Representative Michael Smith  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LIMITATION ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TAX RATE AFTER GENERAL REASSESSMENT.

---

**Assumptions:**

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act removes the up to 10% increase in actual revenue collected in school property taxes allowed after reassessment.
3. New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties are currently in the process of implementing property reassessments. Anticipated completion dates of reassessments vary by county but are not likely to be completed prior to Fiscal Year 2024.
4. Per the Fiscal Year 2022 Equalization Committee Report, statewide property assessments are currently valued at \$27,529,081,391, which generate approximately \$511,698,758 in current expense revenues (local school funds).
5. Because the results of the reassessments are unknown and could result in both increases and decreases across school districts, the potential local school revenue loss upon implementation of this Act is indeterminable.

**Cost:**

	<b>Local School Revenue Loss</b>
Fiscal Year 2023:	Not Applicable
Fiscal Year 2024:	Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2025:	Indeterminable

---

Prepared by Ruth Ann Jones  
Office of the Controller General