



**149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE**

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**BILL:** HOUSE BILL NO. 17  
**SPONSOR:** Representative Dukes  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

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**Assumptions:**

1. Effective for Fiscal Year 2018.
2. This Act increases the age requirement for required school attendance from 16 to 17.
3. The cost estimate is based on the following assumptions:
  - a. Average # of 10<sup>th</sup> grade dropouts over the past two school years – 212.
  - b. An average cost per teacher unit of \$82,889 for the State share and \$30,623 for the Local share.
  - c. Generation of an additional 5 units for Fiscal Year 2018.
  - d. Inflation factor of 2%.
4. The cost estimate does not take into account that retained students may be special education students (lower unit ratio) and/or may be vocational students (earn additional Division II – AOC units) which would increase estimated costs.

**Cost:**

State:

Fiscal Year 2018	\$414,000
Fiscal Year 2019	\$423,000
Fiscal Year 2020	\$431,000

Local

Fiscal Year 2018	\$153,000
Fiscal Year 2019	\$156,000
Fiscal Year 2020	\$159,000

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