149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 19**
SPONSOR:	**Senator McDowell**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN EARLY PRIMARY GRADES FOCUSED ON REDUCED CLASS SIZE AND AN INTENSIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective upon signature of the Governor.

2. This Act will provide $1.0 million in funding per year, over a three year period, to support a pilot program statewide for students whose family income is not more than 150% of the 2016 Federal Poverty Level and who require an intensive learning experience to improve their academic standing.

3. Competitive grants shall be distributed to schools that create a classroom for first graders with a class size of 10 students and at least one teacher in the initial year of the program. Schools shall be eligible to continue to receive the grant in years two and three of the pilot if the same group of students in year one continue in the pilot at a class size of 10 students.

4. The Department of Education shall, on or before August 15, 2017, select public schools to receive grants of up to $200,000 each for 3 consecutive years. Public schools with a selection process for the admission of their students would not be eligible for grant awards.

5. A local match of funding is not required, but public schools awarded funding may supplement the award with other non-state funds.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2017:	$1,000,000
Fiscal Year 2018:	$1,000,000
Fiscal Year 2019:	$1,000,000

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