



**149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 50
SPONSOR:	Representative Jaques
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL NURSES.

Assumptions:

1. This Bill becomes Effective upon the signing of the Governor.
2. Delaware Code requires at least one school nurse per facility where state funding is provided at a rate equal to 1 nurse for each 40 state units of pupils. School districts and Charter schools also qualify for partial funding for nurses at a rate of 30% of the fractional part of 40 state units of pupils.
3. This formula does not sufficiently provide the full state share of funding to support at least one school nurse per facility, and when this occurs, districts are directed to meet the requirement through discretionary local operating funds, state equalization or academic excellence funds.
4. This legislation will provide the appropriate state share of funding for school districts and charter schools when the existing state funding formula does not provide for the requirement of one school nurse per facility. School districts that receive such state funding will be able to provide the local funding through the local match tax, pursuant to 14 Del. C §1902(b).
5. This legislation will generate an additional 21.03 state units of funding for nurses at an average state share of salary for nurses at \$42,675 and an average local share for nurses at \$25,851. Other employment costs are equal to 31.49% and health insurance costs at \$13,938 per employee.
6. Overall salary and other employment costs are assumed to grow 3.0% annually.

Cost:

	State Share	Local Share
Fiscal Year 2018:	\$1,473,172	\$714,830
Fiscal Year 2019:	\$1,517,367	\$736,275
Fiscal Year 2020:	\$1,562,888	\$758,363

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