151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 FOR SENATE BILL NO. 270**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Hansen**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act requires the following:
   a. By January 1, 2024, the Department of Education shall develop a facilities evaluation instrument which shall be used to determine if a school facility is in good repair. The tool shall be designed to identify areas of a school site that are in need of repair based upon a thorough inspection of the site.
   b. By May 1 of each year, the superintendent of each local school district must provide a facility inspection finding and a board-approved maintenance and repair plan.
   c. By January 1, 2024, the Division of Public Health shall establish a routine indoor-air quality monitoring program and reporting requirements for local and regional boards of education and establish a contractor certification program for public school indoor air quality services.
   d. By May 1, 2025, each school district superintendent shall identify an individual within each school district to be responsible for receiving indoor air quality complaints, reporting such complaints, and make procedures regarding complaints available on the districts' website.

3. Per the Delaware Department of Education, the cost to develop a facilities evaluation instrument and associated technology is estimated at approximately $150,000 (one-time). In order to meet the January 1, 2024 deadline, the Department of Education will require these funds in Fiscal Year 2023.

4. Per the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, development of an indoor-air quality monitoring program and assistance to school districts in the implementation and ongoing needs associated with the program would require the following:
   a. 2.0 FTEs, Environmental Scientists III at a cost of approximately $162,607 annually, including other employment costs; and
   b. Initial one-time cost of $262,800 for contractual services to perform pilot test-scale air quality assessments, and computers and equipment for the required positions.

5. Future year costs are estimated to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

Cost:

	On-going Costs	**One-Time Costs**
Fiscal Year 2023:	Not applicable	$150,000
Fiscal Year 2024:	$162,607	$262,800
Fiscal Year 2025:	$165,859	

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