**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FISCAL NOTE**

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| **BILL:** | **HOUSE BILL NO. 454** |
| **SPONSOR:** | **Representative Heffernan** |
| **DESCRIPTION:** | **AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES.** |

## Assumptions:

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

2. This Act changes the definition of students who are eligible for special education and related services by extending the age limit from 21 to 22 years old.

3. Per the Delaware Department of Education, there are approximately 53 students who will be eligible for services under this Act.

4. Assuming all eligible students will utilize the services through their 22nd birthday, an estimated 15.51 additional funding units will be generated for the 2022-2023 school year.
    a. The estimated state cost per unit generated by this Act is $90,328 (includes Division I, II, and III units), and the estimated local cost per unit is $33,118.

5. Per the Delaware Department of Education, approximately seven of the 53 eligible students will require additional Unique Alternatives funding as approved by the Interagency Collaborative Team. The estimated state cost per student is $186,200, and the estimated local cost per student is $79,800.

6. Costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

## Cost:

| | **State Costs:** | **Local Costs:** |
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| Fiscal Year 2023: | $2,704,648 | $1,072,360 |
| Fiscal Year 2024: | $2,758,740 | $1,093,807 |
| Fiscal Year 2025: | $2,813,915 | $1,115,683 |

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