152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 33**
SPONSOR:	**Representative K. Williams**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR PREKINDERGARTEN SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

Assumptions:

1. Upon signature by the Governor, this Act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

2. This Act changes the level of funding supporting students in prekindergarten special education from one unit of funding for every 12.8 pupils to:

    a. one unit of funding for every 7.0 pupils for prekindergarten students age two and under; and
    b. one unit of funding for every 8.4 pupils for prekindergarten students age three and above.

3. Per the Department of Education's September 30, 2022, Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment report, there are 1,005 pupils currently enrolled in prekindergarten special education, of which 47 are age two or under and 958 are age three and above. Enrollment growth of 2% per year is assumed.

4. Upon implementation, this Act will add approximately 47.13 additional funding units above the current funding units for students enrolled in prekindergarten special education.

5. A state unit of funding, including Divisions I, II, and III costs, is estimated at $92,335 while the associated local share of personnel costs is assumed at $25,874. Personnel costs include other employment costs at a rate of 31.93%.

6. Overall costs are assumed to increase at an annual rate of 2.0%.

Cost:

	State	**Local**
Fiscal Year 2024:	$4,438,304	$1,243,680
Fiscal Year 2025:	$4,768,463	$1,336,196
Fiscal Year 2026:	$5,114,978	$1,433,295

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