152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 6**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Longhurst**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective beginning in the 2024-2025 school year upon signature of the Governor.

2. This Act awards one Mental Health Professional Unit and one Mental Health Coordinator Unit to each school district and charter school.

3. There are 19 school districts and 23 charter schools in Delaware. Upon implementation, this Act will require the addition of approximately 42 Mental Health Professional Units and 42 Mental Health Coordinator Units.

4. It is assumed that the Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Excellence (BASSE) will open in FY25, which will add 1 additional Mental Health Professional Unit and 1 additional Mental Health Coordinator Unit.

5. It is assumed that the Mental Health Professional positions will be filled at the Director level. The average state funding for a Director level position is estimated to be $129,604, while the local share of personnel costs is estimated to be $66,518. Other employment costs are assumed at a rate of 31.93%.

6. It is assumed that the Mental Health Coordinator position will be filled at the Supervisor, pupil support level. The average state funding for this Supervisor level position is estimated to be $117,130, while the local share of personnel costs is estimated to be $59,192. Other employment costs are assumed at a rate of 31.93%.

7. Employment costs are assumed to increase at an annual rate of 2.0%.

Cost:

	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Costs
Fiscal Year 2024:	$10,362,839	$5,279,857	$15,642,697
Fiscal Year 2025:	$10,821,765	$5,513,680	$16,335,445
Fiscal Year 2026:	$11,038,200	$5,623,953	$16,662,153

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