152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 138**
SPONSOR:	**Representative K. Williams**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TEACHER APPRENTICESHIPS.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act requires the Department of Education to work with the Department of Labor to create and administer the Delaware Educator Apprenticeship Program.

3. This Act designates the creation of a pilot program for the 2023-2024 school year. This pilot program shall be a partnership between one institute of higher education and one school district or charter school. Expansion beyond the pilot program is contingent upon interest and funding availability.

4. It is assumed that once developed, the apprenticeship program would provide funding for tuition and related costs. It is assumed that apprentices would be seeking a bachelor's or master's degree, dependent on certification requirements.

5. Per the Department of Education, the funding necessary to support the pilot program is expected to be funded under the federal State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula (SAEF) Grant through the Department of Labor. Of the total grant amount, approximately $150,000 will pay for the pilot program.

6. If expansion occurs beyond the initial pilot year, the Department of Education estimates that the apprenticeship program could accommodate a maximum of 10 LEAs with up to 10 apprentices at each LEA. The projected cost beyond the pilot program with maximum projected interest is estimated to be $2.0 million per year. Expansion beyond the pilot program is contingent upon interest and funding availability. Because interest is indeterminable, the fiscal impact on future years is indeterminable.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2024: $0
Fiscal Year 2025: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2026: Indeterminable

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