152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 167**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Shupe**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FUNDING.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act creates School Resource Officer (SRO) Units for school districts and charter schools. Units will be allocated based on the following:
   a. One SRO unit for each school in a school district or charter school
   b. An additional SRO unit for every 1,000 students over the first 1,000
   c. A fractional SRO unit for the percentage of students in the school over 1,000 that are insufficient to meet the threshold for an additional SRO unit.

3. Funding for an SRO unit must be shared between state and local funds. The state will pay a maximum of 70% of the annual salary rate and other employment costs. The remaining percentage of the annual salary will be paid by local funds.

4. Per the September 30, 2022, Unit Count, there were approximately 195 schools with under 1,000 students, 25 schools with 1,000-1,999 students, 4 schools with 2,000-2,999 students, and 1 school with over 3,000 students.

5. Upon implementation, this Act will generate an estimated 239.4 units of funding for full-time SROs. Overall units are assumed to increase at an annual rate of 2.0%.

6. The average state unit of funding for SRO Units is estimated to be $111,465, while the local share of personnel costs is estimated at $40,766. Other employment costs are assumed at a rate of 31.93%.

7. Equipment and maintenance costs are assumed at $25,000 annually per unit. One-time vehicle and equipment costs are assumed to be $110,000 per unit. Equipment and maintenance costs are assumed to be fully funded through state funds.

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

Cost:

	State Unit Cost	State One-Time Cost	Local Unit Cost	Total Costs
Fiscal Year 2024:	$32,664,150	$26,329,600	$9,757,838	$68,751,588
Fiscal Year 2025:	$33,984,171	$526,900	$10,152,171	$44,663,243
Fiscal Year 2026:	$35,356,706	$536,800	$10,562,192	$46,455,698

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