152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 FOR HOUSE BILL 160**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Longhurst**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO 988 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature of the Governor and will be implemented the earlier of six months from the date of enactment or the date of publication in the Register of Regulations of a notice of implementation by the Secretary of the Department of Finance.

2. This Act amends Title 16 of the Delaware Code relating to 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Services. Through the Act, a Behavioral Health Crisis Services Board will be created to provide oversight and input on the development of an integrated behavioral health crisis care system in the State. Additionally, this Act imposes a behavioral health crisis intervention services surcharge on business and residential telephones services, wireless telephone services, and prepaid wireless telephone services.

3. According to the Department of Technology and Information, there are a total of approximately 46,700 billed telephone lines currently assigned to State, K-12, and Quasi-State agencies who will be required to pay the surcharge outlined in this Act.

4. While business rates may be assessed at a lower rate, calculations are assumed at the maximum surcharge rate of $0.60 per month per line. Current cost calculations do not include the number of AT&T and Verizon cell phone lines in use by these agencies.

5. This Act assumes both General Funds, Appropriated and Non-appropriated Special Funds, and school local funds may be used to cover these costs for the agencies. However, due to lack of available data, the share of each fund type is indeterminable.

Cost:

	All Fund Types
Fiscal Year 2024:	$336,240 (minimum)
Fiscal Year 2025:	$336,240 (minimum)
Fiscal Year 2026:	$336,240 (minimum)

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