152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 244**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Michael Smith**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act creates Athletic Trainer Units of funding for school districts and charter schools. One (1) Athletic Trainer Unit shall be allocated for every school that serves grades 9-12.

3. Per the September 30, 2022, Unit Count, there are approximately 59 schools that serve grades 9-12. Upon implementation, this Act will generate an estimated 59 units of funding for full-time Athletic Trainers.

4. Funding for an Athletic Trainer shall be shared between State and Local funds based upon the 14 Del. Code § 1305 school employee salary schedule. A school or district may choose to provide all or part of the services of an Athletic Trainer through a contract with a public or private agency.

5. The average state unit of funding for an Athletic Trainer is estimated to be $74,829, while the local share of personnel costs is estimated at $24,552. Other employment costs are assumed at a rate of 32.25%.

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

Cost:

	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Costs
Fiscal Year 2025:	$4,414,895	$1,448,586	$5,863,481
Fiscal Year 2026:	$4,503,193	$1,477,558	$5,980,751
Fiscal Year 2027:	$4,593,257	$1,507,109	$6,100,366

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