152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 FOR 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 as follows:
   a. 1 unit each for 9 schools or charter schools serving grades 9-12 for employment of full-time Athletic Trainers in Fiscal Year 2025;
   b. 1 unit each for 18 schools or charter schools serving grades 9-12 for employment of full-time Athletic Trainers in Fiscal Year 2026; and
   c. 1 unit for each school or charter school serving grades 9-12 for employment of full-time Athletic Trainers in Fiscal Year 2027.

3. In fiscal years 2025 and 2026, the schools to receive funding shall be selected by the Department of Education and shall be proportionally distributed to all 3 counties.

4. Per the September 30, 2023, Unit Count, there are approximately 59 schools that serve grades 9-12. Upon full implementation, this Act will generate an estimated 59 units of funding for full-time Athletic Trainers.

5. 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.

6. 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%.

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

Cost:

	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Costs
Fiscal Year 2025:	$673,459	$220,971	$894,429
Fiscal Year 2026:	$1,373,855	$450,780	$1,824,636
Fiscal Year 2027:	$4,593,257	$1,507,109	$6,100,366

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