

152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	SENATE BILL NO. 227
SPONSOR:	Senator Sturgeon
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF IN SCHOOLS.

Assumptions:

- 1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
- 2. This Act creates Information Technology (IT) Units for school districts and charter schools. Each district and charter school shall receive one IT unit for every 150 Division I units.
- 3. Per the Department of Education's Student Enrollment and Unit Allotment Report for School Year 2023-2024, there were 11,495.21 Division I units earned in districts and charters statewide. Upon implementation, this Act will generate 76.63 IT units of funding statewide.
- 4. These units shall be filled by IT Technicians, IT Specialists, and/or IT Supervisors, and shall be 12month positions. Funding for an IT staff shall be shared between State and Local funds based upon the 14 Del. Code § 1305 school employee salary schedule.
- 5. The average state unit of funding IT workers is estimated to be \$87,029, while the local share of personnel costs is estimated at \$29,781. Other employment costs are assumed at a rate of 32.94%.
- 6. Overall IT units are assumed to increase at an annual rate of 2.0%. Salary costs are assumed to increase according to the Public Education Compensation Committee recommended increases for § 1305 school employees.

<u>Cost:</u>				
	State Cost	Local Cost	Total Cost	
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$6,669,449	\$2,282,276	\$8,951,725	
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$7,145,476	\$2,474,732	\$9,620,208	
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$7,644,317	\$2,676,749	\$10,321,066	

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