**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FISCAL NOTE**

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| **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 12-month 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.

## Cost:

| | State Cost | Local Cost | Total Cost |
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| **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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