

152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVISED FISCAL NOTE

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 361

SPONSOR: Representative Shupe

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL

MEAL PROGRAMS.

Assumptions:

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

- 2. This Act requires all schools to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students who are eligible for a reduced-price meal. This Act requires that the Department of Education reimburse schools for the difference between the federal reimbursement rate for reduced meals and free meals.
- 3. Upon enactment, one reduced-price breakfast for one student is estimated to cost the State \$0.30. Approximately 210,020 reduced-price breakfasts are expected to be served in Delaware schools during the 2023-2024 school year.
- 4. Upon enactment, one reduced-price lunch for one student is estimated to cost the State \$0.40. Approximately 435,810 reduced-price lunches are expected to be served in Delaware schools during the 2023-2024 school year.
- 5. Overall meals served are assumed to increase at an annual rate of 2.0%.

Cost:

	Breakfast Cost	Lunch Cost	Total Cost
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$64,266	\$177,810	\$242,077
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$65,551	\$181,367	\$246,918
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$66,862	\$184,994	\$251,856

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