152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR HOUSE BILL 125**
SPONSOR:	**Representative S. Moore**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.**

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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