

152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 78

SPONSOR: Senator Lockman

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

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS.

Assumptions:

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

- 2. This Act exempts all real estate owned by the Todmorden Foundation and used for the purposes of affordable housing from school property taxes.
- 3. Per New Castle County, based on the Todmorden Foundation properties that currently have a taxable assessment, the Todmorden Foundation is assessed property taxes for the Red Clay School District, the Christina School District, and the New Castle County Vo-Tech School District.
- 4. Using the current school tax rates effective as of July 1, 2023, the estimated annual local school revenue loss by district is as follows:

a. Red Clay School District: \$159,085.95

b. Christina School District: \$6,765.50

c. New Castle County Vo-Tech School District: \$12,415.87

5. For the purposes of this analysis, current assessed values were used. The effect of reassessment on property values and school property taxes is currently unknown.

Cost:

Local School Revenue Loss

Fiscal Year 2025: \$178,267.32 **Fiscal Year 2026:** \$178,267.32 **Fiscal Year 2027:** \$178,267.32

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