

152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 419

SPONSOR: Representative Heffernan

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 13 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO NEW

LUGGAGE FOR CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon the signature of the Governor, and upon signature, will be implemented on January 1, 2025.

- 2. This Act requires the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families (DSCYF) to provide new luggage to children in foster care to use for the transportation of their personal belongings when entering custody, moving placement, or exiting custody.
- 3. The Division of Family Services estimates that an average of 600 youth per year enter and/or will exit from the custody of the DSCYF. However, the estimated number of bags required may fluctuate each year, depending on the number of individuals entering custody and the number of youth moving placement.
- 4. Per the DSCYF, bags for the youth are anticipated to cost, on average, \$50.00 per bag.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2025: \$15,000 Fiscal Year 2026: \$30,000 Fiscal Year 2027: \$30,000

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