153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 44**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Lynn**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MIGRANT EDUCATION.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act requires the Department of Education to ensure that migratory children's educational needs are met. If Federal funding is insufficient to meet the needs of migratory children's education, the Department of Education shall identify, transfer, or request supplemental State funding to ensure no interruption in services under this chapter.

3. According to the Department of Education, there are currently 262 migrant children being served in Delaware's public schools.

4. According to the Department of Education, Delaware receives two separate federal funding allocations:
    a. Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program funds are allocated to states through a statutory formula based on the number of migratory children, the number of migratory children who receive summer or out of school services, and the cost of education in each state. In Fiscal Year 2025, Delaware received $595,508.
    b. Migrant Education Program Consortium Incentive Grant Program provides financial incentives to States to provide high-quality instruction and services to help children overcome educational disruption and cultural barriers. In Fiscal Year 2025, Delaware received $122,251.

5. According to the Department of Education, there have not been any changes in migrant education programming or funding since January 19, 2025. As the future of federal funding for migratory children's education is unknown, the fiscal impact is indeterminable.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2026: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2027: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2028: Indeterminable

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