



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 231
SPONSOR: Senator Pinkney
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature of the Governor.
2. This Act provides a salary supplement for school social workers who have passed the Association of Social Work Boards National Clinical Examination and hold a Licensed Clinical Social Worker license, based on 6% of their base salary, which is the state portion of their salary as defined by 14 Del C. §1305.
3. Using data from Delaware financial systems and a list of state employees that have submitted proof of their certification to the Department of Education, an estimate was derived for all current school employees with a title of Social Worker or Specialist, Social Services who may qualify for the supplement.
4. For annual adjustments a 6% increase to the salary supplement is assumed for FY 2027 in alignment with PECC recommended increases for the 14 Del. C. § 1305 salary tables. In addition to the salary supplement, the cost estimate includes 33.41% for OECs. Lastly, a 2% inflation increase is assumed for the salary supplement for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2027: \$343,389
Fiscal Year 2028: \$350,257
Fiscal Year 2029: \$357,262

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