149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE REVISED

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 49**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Jaques**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 14 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY.**

Assumptions:

1. Effective upon the signature of the Governor.

2. This Act will require new school construction or major renovations to schools to include the following safety features:

   a) Bulletproof glass in all vestibules, lobby, office areas, and any windows or doors opening from a classroom into the interior of the building;

   b) Classroom doors that can be locked from both side with a key;

   c) Installation of an intruder alert system compatible with the fire alarm system and capable of being activated from the office.

3. Some school construction projects currently incorporate these safety features within their current per square foot capital project costs. In FY 2018, the cost per square foot totaled $371.00 for Elementary Schools, $396.20 for Middle schools, and $422.80 for High Schools. There are currently nine (9) approved major school facility construction/renovation projects whose initial funding begins in FY 2019 that total $43,831,500.

4. Assumes new safety features would be considered as part of future cost per square foot calculation for new school construction. Major school renovations projects that have not incorporated these features is currently unknown and their costs indeterminable. The Department of Education estimates that these features account for approximately 1% of the total cost of renovation/new construction.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2018: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2019: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2020: Indeterminable

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