



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE**

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| <b>BILL:</b>        | <b>HOUSE BILL NO. 117</b>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SPONSOR:</b>     | <b>Representative K. Williams</b>                                                                                                               |
| <b>DESCRIPTION:</b> | <b>AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE PROGRAM FOR SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.</b> |

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. Upon signature, this Act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.
3. This Act makes permanent a three-year pilot program that revised the Delaware Autism Program (DAP) and further revises the program by establishing the following:
  - a. The Department of Education is responsible for administering the DAP.
  - b. The Department of Education must employ the DAP Director.
  - c. The Department of Education must employ five (5) DAP training specialists to provide training and technical assistance for all public schools.
4. In order to fulfill the requirements of this Act, the Department of Education estimates the need for the following:
  - a. Three (3.0) additional FTEs (Education Specialists), and associated personnel funding of \$406,321 annually. Other employment costs are included at a rate of 32.11%.
  - b. Ongoing operational costs (supplies, contractual services, etc.) in the amount of \$30,000 annually.
5. Personnel costs are assumed to increase at a rate of 2% annually.

**Cost:**

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| <b>Fiscal Year 2022:</b> | \$436,321 |
| <b>Fiscal Year 2023:</b> | \$444,447 |
| <b>Fiscal Year 2024:</b> | \$452,736 |

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