

143RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**FISCAL NOTE**

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 251

SPONSOR: Senator Sokola

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Fiscally effective July 1, 2008.
2. This Act requires school districts, by the start of the 2008-2009 school year, to offer any kindergarten-eligible child the option of attending full-day kindergarten if the child's parent or guardian so chooses.
3. Based on current kindergarten enrollments, an estimated 370 units would be generated with unit costs as follows (includes other employment costs):

Position	# of Units	Cost of Unit - State (in F.Y. 09 dollars)	Cost of Unit - Local (in F.Y. 09 dollars)
Teacher	239	\$65,800	\$31,200
Ancillary Units	36	51,900	18,500
Food Services	79	12,600	4,000
Custodians	16	35,500	11,200

4. Based on current capacity within the local school districts, an estimated 131 additional classrooms would be required.
5. The cost estimate assumes 100% of eligible children will attend full day kindergarten.
6. Subject to specific appropriation by the General Assembly.
7. The Fiscal Year 2006 Bond and Capital Improvements Act includes \$13,000,000 for Full Day Kindergarten Construction Contingency. Additionally, the Governor's Recommended Annual Appropriations Act includes \$6,700,000 for Full Day Kindergarten operating costs.

Cost: State *(Subject to specific appropriation)***Ongoing Operating**

F.Y. 07 – F.Y. 08

- 0 -

F.Y. 09

\$ 22,200,000

One-Time Capital

F.Y. 07 – F.Y. 08

\$ 35,500,000

F.Y. 09

- 0 -

Cost: Local *(Subject to specific appropriation)*

Ongoing Operating

F.Y. 07 – F.Y. 08

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F.Y. 09

\$ 9,700,000

One-Time Capital

F.Y. 07 – F.Y. 08

\$ 17,200,000

F.Y. 09

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