152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 4**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Longhurst**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR SCHOOL TRAUMA.**

Assumptions:

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

2. This Act requires the Department of Education to develop plans, guidance, and written resources for schools dealing with a school-connected traumatic event.

3. This Act requires school districts and charter schools to develop a crisis response policy for dealing with a school-connected traumatic event.

4. This Act requires the Department of Education to cover the costs of grief counseling offered to students for up to thirty days after a school-connected traumatic event.

5. Because each traumatic event is unique, and there may be sufficient resources within the affected school district or charter school, the Department of Education is unable to project the potential cost of grief counseling.

6. Because there is not sufficient data available to predict the frequency of school-connected traumatic events, the fiscal impact is indeterminable.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2024: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2025: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2026: Indeterminable

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