

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 16, 2008

TO: All Members of the Delaware State Senate
and House of Representatives

FROM: Ms. Daniese McMullin-Powell
Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: H.C.R. 55 [DSTP Cost Estimates]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed H.C.R. 55 which would direct the Department of Education (DOE) to develop cost estimates and an implementation timeline to reduce DSTP costs for the 2009 and 2010 testing vendor contract years. The bill identifies several possibilities. Some are discrete (e.g. using the 2006 assessment forms or reducing development of new test items). Some are more systemic (e.g. elimination of summer testing in 2009 and 2010).

SCPD endorses the proposed legislation since the assessment may reveal cost saving alternatives that do not unduly undermine the accountability system and may offer alternatives to S.B. 250.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions regarding our position on the proposed legislation.

cc: The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner
Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens
Developmental Disabilities Council

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