



**Annual Report**  
**July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

**SCPD Review of State/Federal Legislation – FY 2013**  
**State**

LEGISLATION	SYNOPSIS	ACTION	DATE LETTER SENT	FINAL STATUS
H.B. 9	Represents the work of the HJR 17 Study Group to review Delaware’s civil mental health laws. Required a report and recommendation on immunity provisions by January 1, 2013. This is a consensus recommendation from the diverse stakeholders. This bill clarifies the law on immunity as regards the process to detain or not detain a person for an involuntary mental health evaluation. Medical negligence claims arising after the mental health assessment and resulting clinical decision to detain and claims unrelated to mental health are not intended to be included in the immunity protection.	Endorsed the proposed legislation and commented regarding the collaboration from a diverse group.	3/11/13	Signed on 3/28/13.
H.B. 10	This Act is the second leg of a Constitutional Amendment which eliminates the existing five-year waiting period before eligible felons who have fully discharged their sentences may have their voting rights restored. This Act shall be known as the Hazel D. Plant Voter Restoration Act.	Endorsed proposed legislation and provided observations.	3/11/13	Enacted without being signed on 5/28/13.
H.B. 18	Brings the designation of judges who act as the boards of canvass into compliance with § 6 of Article V of the Delaware State Constitution.	Endorsed the proposed legislation and provided observations.	4/30/13	Signed on 5/28/13.
H.B. 20	This is the first leg of a constitutional amendment that would eliminate from the Delaware Constitution the requirements as to when a person may vote by absentee ballot. This amendment to the Delaware Constitution provides that the General Assembly shall enact general laws providing the circumstances, rules and procedures for absentee voting.	Endorsed the proposed legislation and provided observation.	3/11/13	Defeated in House on 4/16/13.
H.B. 23 w/H.A. 2	Requires that all public meetings of the boards of education of traditional public school districts, v-tech school districts, and public meetings of charter schools’ boards of directors be digitally recorded and made available to the public on the districts’ and charter schools’ websites within seven business days. The recordings will not be considered the official board minutes. The Delaware State Board of Education is required by the State Board of Education to make available within one business day digital recordings of its board meetings on the Delaware Department of Education’s website.	Recommended several amendments to confirm more closely to the engrossed version of H.B. 26.	3/11/13	6/4/13 – House Appropriations Committee; 6/11/13 – H.A. 2 introduced and placed with bill.
H.B. 24	Implements recommendations from the Truancy Task Force by changing provisions of the Delaware Code regarding compulsory attendance and when a truancy case must be brought to the Truancy Court.	Provided observations including technical problems and unintended consequences.	3/11/13	Signed on 5/28/13.

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H.B. 42 w/H.A. 2	Adds adult aunts and uncles to the list of relatives who may act as a surrogate to make health care decisions for an adult patient if the patient lacks capacity and there is no agent or guardian, no prior designated surrogate, the prior designated surrogate is unavailable, or the health-care directive does not address the specific issue.	Recommended that more comprehensive legislation be prepared to create a uniform standard. Provided observations regarding the conflict among overlapping statutes.	4/30/13	H.A. 1 Stricken & H.A. 2 Passed - Signed on 5/28/13.
H.S. 1 for H.B. 46	Authorizes the Department of Education, pending available funds, to offer competitive two year start-up grants to public schools for the purpose of developing new gifted and talented programs.	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to 1 amendment.	4/30/13	H.S. 1 for H.B. 46 – Assigned to Education Committee on 3/20/13.
H.B. 88 w/H.A. 1, H.A. 1 to H.A. 1, H.A. 2	Creates procedures in Delaware for making sure firearms are not in the hands of dangerous people while protecting due process and not creating a barrier to care for those suffering from mental illness.	Provided 2 observations.	5/30/13	H.A. 1 w/H.A. 1 – Passed; H.A. 1 to H.A. 1 – Passed; H.A. 2 – Passed; S.A. 1 – Defeated on 6/27/13.
H.B. 90 w/H.A. 1	Updates the school choice program, which has not received substantive attention since 1998. Aims to make it easier for parents to navigate the choice process by standardizing application forms and deadlines across traditional and charter schools. Requires all local education agencies to accept a standard application form provided by the Department of Education, which must be available on the Department’s website. Seeks to eliminate discrimination by districts against choice students.	Provided the Governor with 3 observations.	5/30/13	Signed on 6/3/13 w/H.A. 1.
H.B. 105	Provides for election day registration for presidential primary, primary, special and general elections whereas currently the deadline is the fourth Saturday prior to the date of the election. Same day registration at polling places will be permitted with submission of valid government issued identification or other generally accepted proof of identification.	Endorsed the proposed legislation.	5/30/13	5/8/13 - Out of House Administration Committee.
H.B. 125 w/H.A. 1	Allows for the reinstatement of parental rights where a child remains in the custody of the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families, despite reasonable efforts to secure a permanent plan of adoption. Where it is in the best interests of the child, this bill allows for the legal relationship between the child and his or her biological family to be reinstated.	Endorsed the proposed legislation subject to consideration of 2 amendments.	6/17/13	6/30/13 – w/H.A. 1 passed the Senate; passed the House.
H.B. 155	Prohibits the use of a wearable computer with a head-mounted display while driving.	Endorsed the concept of the legislation.	6/17/13	6/12/13 – Out of Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee.

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H.B. 163	Requires the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families to create and maintain a developmentally appropriate, comprehensive program that fully integrates independent living services from ages 14 to 21 and which will assist youth with their successful transition into adulthood. This bill reflects the work of youth and professionals on House Joint Resolution 18 from the 146th General Assembly.	Strongly endorsed the proposed legislation and provided several observations.	6/17/13	Passed the House – 6/20/13; passed the Senate 6/27/13.
H.B. 164 w/H.A. 1 & H.A. 2 (Placed with Bill)	Requires compliance with the federal mental health parity laws. Requires health insurers issuing large group policies to provide a minimum of 30 consecutive days of inpatient care for serious mental illnesses and drug and alcohol dependencies in order to increase the likelihood of long-term success.	Strongly endorsed the proposed legislation.	6/17/13	5/30/13 – House Economic Development/ Banking/Insurance/ Commerce Committee; 6/18/13 H.A. 1 & H.A. 2 Placed With Bill.
S.S. 1 for S.B. 13	In January 2011, the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman transferred from the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD) to the Delaware Health and Social Services Office of the Secretary. These amendments reflect the change by substituting the Department of Health and Social Services for DSAAPD where it is incorrect and removes the reference to the Public Guardian in the Advance Health Care Directive statute because that office does not have patient advocates or ombudsmen.	Endorsed the substitute bill given that it corrects the concerns with S.B. 13 and its amendments.	4/30/13	5/15/13 – Reported Out of Health & Human Development Committee. 4/23/13 - Passed the Senate.
S.B. 20	Appropriates 39.7 FTEs, of which up to 4.0 shall be authorized as teachers/ supervisors, 31.7 authorized as teachers, 3.0 authorized as secretaries for the Department of Education and 1.0 Education Associate to operate the Prison Education Program (an additional 5.7 positions are authorized in the Department of Correction for the Prison Education Program). The qualifications for employees for the prison education program, except secretaries, shall be the same as the qualifications for employees in public high schools. Teachers/supervisors shall have teaching responsibilities as defined by job responsibilities and duties developed by the Department of Education.	Provided 13 observations and recommended the sponsors request a review by a Senate attorney.	4/13/13	6/30/13 – Introduced and assigned to Education Committee in House; 6/27/13 - Passed the Senate.
S.B. 27	Authorizes the Department of Education, pending available funds, to offer competitive two year start-up grants to public schools for the purpose of developing new programs for students capable of performing accelerated academic work.	Provided 3 observations and recommendations.	4/30/13	Signed on 6/30/13.
S.S. 1 for S.B. 35	Imposes dollar limits on the prescription drug insurance practice of cost-sharing known as specialty tiers in order to protect patients from unaffordable co-insurance or co-payment fees. Effective 1/1/14..	Endorsed the proposed legislation and provided observations.	5/30/13	Signed on 7/23/13.

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S.B. 42 w/S.A. 1	Ensures that individuals who are eligible for the Federal Medicare program due to disability are able to purchase the same Medicare supplement policies available to individuals eligible for Medicare due to age. Ensures that the rates for Medicare supplement insurance purchased by persons who receive Medicare for reasons unrelated to disability are not affected by this bill.	Endorsed the concept of the legislation. Recommended 2 options as amendments.	4/30/13	7/15/13 w/S.A. 1.
S.B. 51	Strengthens teacher preparation by raising the standards for entry into the teaching profession.	Endorsed the proposed legislation.	5/30/13	Signed on 6/12/13.
S.B. 56	Expands Delaware's Public Assistance Code to provide preventative and urgent dental care to all eligible Medicaid recipients.	Endorsed the proposed legislation and provided observations.	5/30/13	6/12/13 – Out of Health & Social Services Committee.
S.B. 99	Reorganizes Section 351 to be more reader friendly as to the requirements and exceptions for DSCYF to evaluate homes where children are placed with non-relatives. Changes the current statute which required DSCYF consent before a child could be placed with a non-relative. Makes the DSCYF position on the placement merely an assessment for consideration by the Family Court. Section (d) makes it clear that the Family Court has the final authority to determine whether or not the placement is appropriate. Modifies the definition of “dependency or dependent child” in §901(8) and §1009(3) in accordance with the proposed changes to Section 351.	Provided 2 observations and concerns.	6/13/13	5/30/13 – Assigned to Senate Children, Youth & Families Committee.
S.B. 100	Based on national reports documenting misuse of seclusion and restraint within public schools, many states are adopting remedial statutory or regulatory standards. In 2012, the U.S. Department of Education issued authoritative guidance encouraging states to adopt written standards deterring use of seclusion and restraint in public schools. This bill is the product of research and deliberations of an interagency committee formed by the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) to identify best practices and develop standards for Delaware public schools.	GACEC and 40 other agencies (including SCPD) endorsed the proposed legislation.	6/18/13	Signed on 6/26/13.
SCR 20	Establishes an Election Law Task Force to comprehensively review Title 15 and make recommendations on how to improve this Title.	Endorsed the proposed resolution.	6/17/13	5/15/13 – Passed by Senate; 6/18/13 – Passed by House.

Federal

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H.R. 4256/ S. 2390	Addresses the accessibility of pools.	Letters sent to Representative Carney, Senators Carper and Coons strongly opposing these bills.	7/30/12	<p>Introduced on 3/26/12, but not enacted. Referred to House Judiciary Committee.</p> <p>Introduced 4/26/12, but not enacted. Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p>

## SCPD Review of State/Federal Legislation – FY 2014

### State

LEGISLATION	SYNOPSIS	ACTION	DATE LETTER SENT	FINAL STATUS
H.B. 33 w/H.A. 1 & H.A. 2	Requires each public school district to equip the schools within their respective jurisdictions with an adequate number of panic buttons that may be used to immediately alert local law enforcement authorities of a security threat at a school. Once activated, the required silent alarm system will immediately alert authorities without simultaneously activating an audible alarm within the school building.	Endorsed the concept of the proposed legislation.	3/5/14	H.A. 1 & H.A. 2 placed with bill. Tabled in House Appropriations Committee on 6/6/13.
H.B. 129 w/H.A. 1	Tasks the Department of Health and Social Services with developing and implementing regulations that would ensure that hospital staff have the ability to quickly access a locked hospital bathroom in the event of an emergency.	Endorsed the concept of the proposed legislation.	12/23/13	Signed on 6/10/14 with H.A. 1.
H.B. 154	Creates a new offense and imposes penalties for diverting prescription drugs from a patient of a facility. Requires those who register to prescribe, sell, dispense or distribute controlled substances demonstrate regularly to complete 2 continuing education credits in the area of awareness and knowledge of the problems posed by the abuse of controlled substances. Makes corrections to drafting errors in the 2011 bill that eliminated consent as a defense to sexual abuse in a facility.	Endorsed the concept of the proposed legislation and provided 2 significant concerns.	12/23/13	Signed on 2/14/14.
H.B. 155	Prohibits the use of a wearable computer with a head-mounted display while driving.	Endorsed the concept of the proposed legislation.	3/28/14	6/26/14 – H.A. 1 Introduced and Placed with Bill; 6/12/14 – Reported Out of House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee.
H.B. 167 w/H.A. 2	Prohibits a public employer from inquiring into or considering the criminal record, criminal history or credit history or score of an applicant before it makes a conditional offer to the applicant. Permits inquiry and consideration of criminal background after the conditional offer has been made. Specifies that once a background check is conducted an employer shall only consider felonies for 10 years from the completion of sentence, and misdemeanors for 5 years from the completion of sentence. Employers are required to consider several enumerated factors when deciding whether to revoke a conditional offer based on the results of a background check. Police forces, the Department of Corrections and other positions with a statutory mandate for background checks are excluded from these provisions. Requires contractors with State agencies to employ similar policies not in conflict with other State or federal requirements.	Strongly endorsed the proposed legislation subject to consideration of 2 amendments.	3/5/14	Signed on 5/8/14 with H.A. 2.

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H.B. 191	Expands the business or occupation category of permissible absentee voters to include those who are unable to appear at the polling place “because of the nature of such person’s business occupation, including the business or occupation of providing care to his or her parent, spouse, or child who may require care due to illness, disability, or injury, or may require such person to travel or work such hours which might preclude them from appearing at their regular polling location. The bill also eliminates the requirement to have any affidavit requesting an absentee ballot be notarized.	Endorsed the proposed legislation and provided 2 observations.	1/30/14	Out of House Administration Committee on 4/9/14.
H.B. 196	Prohibits housing discrimination based on source of income by adding “source of income” as a protected class under the Delaware Fair Housing Act and the Landlord Tenant Code. A person may still take into account sufficiency of income and credit worthiness of a tenant or buyer, so long as any standards are applied neutrally without regard to the source of income. There is also an exception for landlords who are employees of a housing authority and are prohibited by their employer’s conflict of interest policy from renting to persons receiving housing assistance payments. This measure will prevent and address discrimination against those who receive part or all of their income from child support, government or private assistance programs, or any lawful occupation	Letter to Representative Baumbach opposing the proposed amendment and provided 10 observations. Letter to House/Senate strongly endorsing the proposed legislation.	3/20/14  3/25/14	Introduced and Assigned to Housing & Community Affairs Committee on 6/19/13.
H.B. 205	Requires that school districts schedule an in-service day for the day of any primary election in which district schools will be used as polling places. This bill also provides that the department of elections for each county may use public school buildings for primaries.	Strongly endorsed the proposed legislation and provided observations.	1/30/14	Signed on 7/1/14.
H.B. 206	Requires that school districts schedule an in-service day for the day of school board and other types of school elections.	Strongly endorsed the proposed legislation and provided observations and suggested 1 amendment to clarify that the in-service day would only be required if school were otherwise in session.	1/30/14	Introduced and assigned to House Education Committee on 6/25/13.
H.B. 208	Assures that driver’s license addresses and voter registration addresses are the same.	Opposed the proposed legislation and provided 6 observations	1/30/14	Signed on 5/28/14.
H.B. 214 w/H.A. 1	Requires that hospitals, physicians and other health professionals provide information about Down Syndrome and Down Syndrome resources and support groups to parents who have received a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome.	Endorsed proposed legislation subject to 4 amendments.	3/4/14	Signed on 5/7/14 with H.A. 1.



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H.S. 1 for H.B. 218	Requires written authorization from a patient for any person to pick up a prescription on a patient's behalf. Currently, a pharmacy is only required to obtain and keep on file valid photographic identification for the person picking up the prescription; there is no requirement that a pharmacy obtain written authorization from the patient before releasing a prescription to another person on the patient's behalf.	Provided observations and recommendations, including the substitute bill is a major improvement over the original version.	3/5/14	Substituted on 1/29/14. Passed by Senate on 7/1/14; passed by House on 6/26/14.
H.B. 228 w/H.A. 1, H.A. 1 to H.A. 1 + S.A. 1.	Make adjustments to the existing code (Child Placement Review Act) to be consistent with current practices, clarify ambiguities, and eliminate sections that no longer apply.	Provided 9 observations and recommendations, including comment that the proposed legislation weakens the review process.	3/5/14	Signed on 7/1/14 w/H.A. 1, H.A. 1 to H.A. 1 + S.A. 1.
H.B. 229 w/H.A. 1	Allows for a conditional license for the purpose of attending school or job training for anyone who has had their license revoked for conviction of a drug offense. This bill adds these two classifications for a conditional license to the existing classification of purpose of employment, treatment, and probation appointments.	Endorsed the proposed legislation since the lack of a driver's license undermines rehabilitation efforts. Provided recommendations for improvement.	3/20/14	Passed the Senate w/H.A. 1 on 5/6/14; passed the House w/H.A. 1 on 3/27/14.
H.B. 230	Adopts the Model Family Financial Protection Act. In doing so this bill protects consumers by requiring that consumer form contracts involving financial services be signed in writing by the consumer. More importantly, any changes to a consumer form contract involving financial services must be agreed to by the consumer in writing.	Endorsed the concept of the legislation given that 3 features would benefit individuals with disabilities. Also noted that the proposed legislation may result in some inconsistencies with other Code provisions.	3/5/14	Assigned to House Economic Development/ Banking/Insurance/ Commerce Committee on 1/23/14.
H.B. 241	Defines tobacco substitute to include modern e-cigarettes and prohibits a person from selling or distributing tobacco substitutes to minors. Prohibits minors from purchasing or receiving such tobacco substitutes. The intent is to treat a tobacco substitute the same as a tobacco product under Chapter 5, Title 11 of the current Delaware Code. Currently at least 27 states prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes to minors.	Endorsed the proposed legislation and provided reasons for concern over term "Tobacco Substitute" to cover e-cigarettes.	6/4/14	Signed on 6/12/14.

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H.S. 1 for H.B. 245	Requires retail establishments to allow access to an employee bathroom for customers with Crohn’s disease, colitis, or other condition or device requiring immediate access to a restroom facility. Must have written documentation of the eligible medical condition from a medical professional or an identification card issued by a health organization or health department. Provides immunity from civil liability for any non-negligent injury occurring in a non-public area due to a customer request to use the employee restroom. Does not require physical changes or facility improvements. A violation is punishable by a civil penalty of \$100 for the first offense, and \$200 for any subsequent offense.	Endorsed the proposed legislation.	5/1/14	HS 1 substituted on 7/1/14. Passed the House on 7/1/14; passed the Senate 7/1/14.
H.B. 249	Requires Delaware students to learn CPR to be granted a high school diploma from a Delaware high school beginning with the Class of 2017.	Provided 3 observations.	5/1/14	Assigned to House Education Committee on 3/13/14.
H.B. 251	Reorganizes and makes changes to Chapter 23 to be more reader-friendly and to clarify certain provisions regarding guardianship and permanent guardianship.	Provided 3 observations and reported 1 error in the use of “terminated” instead of “rescinded”. Also suggested that sponsors may wish to consider modifying the standard of proof in multiple sections based on the rationale given.	5/1/14	Signed on 6/10/14.
H.B. 256	Makes changes to Delaware’s law prohibiting Sexual Solicitation of a Child to ensure the safety of Delaware’s children from sexual predators, including the persons that promote sexual solicitation of a child and the persons that solicit children.	Provided 2 observations.	5/1/14	Signed on 6/24/14.
H.B. 263	This bill is an attempt to ensure that every public school in Delaware has a nurse. This bill provides a mechanism to allow public schools that currently do not have a school nurse to receive state funds. The bill also allows for a match tax to assist those school districts that acquire a nurse as a result of this bill to pay for the local share of that nurse.	Endorsed the proposed legislation.	4/30 /14	Out of House Appropriations Committee on 5/14/14.
H.B. 293	The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also referred to as “the food stamp program,” assists eligible low-income individuals with the purchase of food. The Delaware Nutritional Improvement Act seeks to bring the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in line with other state programs and initiatives aimed at improving the health and welfare of Delawareans. Seeks to require SNAP benefits to be used solely for the purchase of healthy foods identified by the Department of Health and Social Services as having beneficial nutritional value.	Opposed the proposed legislation based on consideration that it is opposed by DHSS and Delaware Food Bank because it limits shopping choices.	5/29/14	Tabled in House Health & Human Development Committee on 4/9/14.

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H.B. 298	Raises the fine for a first offense for using a hand-held cell phone or other electronic device while driving from \$50 to \$75.	Endorsed the proposed legislation based on 3 observations.	5/29/14	Passed the House on 6/12/14. Assigned to Senate Public Safety Committee on 6/17/14.
H.S. for H.B. 302	Establishes a more efficient structure for the administration of Delaware's campaign finance laws, establishes a mechanism for citizens to report possible violations, and gives the State Election Commissioner the resources necessary to investigate potential violations.	Endorsed the proposed legislative and provided 3 ways that it seeks to improve the elections process.	5/29/14	H.S. 1 for H.B. 302 substituted on 6/10/14. Passed the Senate on 6/24/14; passed the House on 6/12/14.
H.B. 309	Adds e-cigarettes to the Clean Indoor Air Act and would prohibit the operation of e-cigarettes in all public places where smoking is prohibited under current law.	Endorsed the proposed legislation subject to 2 suggestions.	5/29/14	Passed the House on 6/5/14. Assigned to Senate Executive Committee on 6/10/14.
H.B. 337	Promotes uniformity in the timing of the application process for school districts, charter schools, magnet schools, and career and technical education schools.	Endorsed the proposed legislation.	6/19/14	Signed on 6/25/14.
H.B. 344 w/ H.A. 1+S.A. 1	Represents the Study Group's (established by H.J.R. No. 17) recommendations related for updating antiquated language and addressing due process concerns. Allows the patient or the Delaware Psychiatric Center (DPC) to petition for discharge at any time, eliminating the 1 year minimum requirement. Streamlines the provisions for filing a petition. Mandates that a competency evaluation be held before a person is confined to DPC to determine whether the person meets civil commitment criteria before admission. Allows a termination of competency restoration efforts after 2 years if, upon motion by DPC, the Court determines that competency restoration is not likely to succeed.	Endorsed the proposed legislation as amended.	6/19/14	Passed the Senate w/H.A. 1 + S.A. 1 on 6/26/14; passed the House on 6/19/14.
H.B. 347 w/H.A. 1	Requires all new school construction or major renovation to include the following features: an intruder alarm, bullet resistant whiteboards, bulletproof glass in entrance areas and interior doors and windows, and doors lockable with keys on both sides. Requires all new school construction plans to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget's Facilities Management Section for compliance with these requirements as well as with Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles.	Endorsed the proposed legislation with H.A. 1.	6/19/14	Out of Senate Education Committee on 6/25/14; passed the House with H.A. 1 on 6/18/14.

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H.B. 400 w/ H.A. 1	Adds a provision to the Health-Care Decisions statute authorizing a medical order which is transportable, standardized, and implements a patient's end-of-life care preferences. In order to implement that statute, adjustments are made in Section 2 to the existing advance-care directive statute and in Section 3 to the statute governing Emergency Medical Services. Section 3 also makes a technical name change within Chapter 97 that was overlooked in a 2003 change to Chapter 97 and adds reference to DMOST in Public Health's rule writing authority.	Endorsed the proposed legislation and provided 5 observations.	6/23/14	6/30/14 – Laid On Table in Senate with H.A. 1; passed the House with H.A. 1 on 6/24/14.
S.B. 162	Expands the crime of possession and purchase of deadly weapons by persons prohibited to include perpetrators of violent crimes who have been found Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity, Guilty But Mentally Ill, or Mentally Incompetent to Stand Trial, including juveniles who fall into those categories.	Provided 3 observations.	3/14/14	Assigned to House Administration Committee on 6/25/14; passed the Senate on 6/24/14.
S.B. 163	Allows prosecution for endangering the welfare of a child if the person had reason to know that the child was witnessing the crime(s).	Did not take a formal position on the proposed legislation but provided 2 considerations which may provide reason to reflect on the merits of the bill.	3/28/14	Reported Out of Senate Judiciary Committee on 3/27/14.
S.B. 168	Provides the option for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to develop alternative educator evaluation systems for all educators, including novice teachers and specialists, pursuant to the requirement in this section. Only addresses 1270(f) and is narrowly-tailored to address only that provision concerning an LEA's ability to apply for a waiver to the provisions of DPAS-II under the conditions outlined.	Opposed the legislation which expands the authority to solicit an "opt out" of the DCAS II to all charter schools and Vo-tech districts.	3/28/14	Signed on 5/8/14.
S.B. 181 w/S.A. 2	Makes several changes to the Child Protection Registry. Provides the requirement for a hearing for every child prior to placement on the registry and requires the appointment of counsel. Reorganizes the Court findings required for placement on the registry by creating a new Section, 925A. Sets out criteria to be considered by the Court for early removal from the registry and provides a mechanism for persons to be removed from the registry if they were placed on the registry as a child. Adds new child abuse crimes to the registry and extends the timeline to file a Petition. Provides for a Limited Purpose Hearing for those who are placed on the registry as a result of a criminal conviction.	Provided 3 observations for consideration that would enhance due process further and foster the validity and reliability of findings.	5/1/14	House passed on 6/30/14 with S.A. 2; passed the Senate with S.A. 2 on 6/3/14.

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S.B. 185	<p>Delaware employment discrimination law applies to employers of 4 or more employees within the State for all protected classes (race; marital status; genetic information; color; age; religion; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; national origin) apart from disability. Only larger employers with 15 or more employees are subject to the State disability-based employment discrimination law. This bill removes the inconsistency by adopting the same definition of “employer” for all protected classes, including disability. Neighboring states have adopted a uniform definition of “employer” which applies to all protected classes</p>	<p>Strongly endorses the proposed legislation and provided 6 observations.</p>	5/8/14	<p>House passed on 6/30/14; passed the Senate on 6/3/14.</p>
S.B. 219	<p>Increases the amount of the life-saving drug Naloxone in the community and specifically in the hands of the people most likely to discover someone who has suffered an overdose and who will be able to administer a dose of the medication while waiting for first responders to arrive. This will improve the chances that people who overdose will survive and be connected to treatment programs. Friends and family members of people with addictions to opioids can purchase Naloxone when a prescription is written for the person with the addiction. Allows DHSS to create a community-based program that will put Naloxone into the hands of friends, family, and maybe service providers at no or low cost. DHSS will seek grant funding to support a community-based program.</p>	<p>Endorsed the proposed legislation.</p>	6/19/14	<p>Signed on 6/25/14.</p>

Federal

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H.R. 3717	"Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013".	Letter sent to Larry Morris, Constituent Affairs Director, Office of Congressman Carney requesting that he not cosponsor the proposed legislation. Endorsed the attached commentary from Brian Hartman, Esq., of the Disabilities Law Program.	3/28/14	Introduced 12/12/13 by Rep. Tim Murphy. Assigned to House – Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce; Judiciary; Science, Space and Technology; Ways and Means. Subcommittee Hearings held on 4/3/14. Rep. Carney did not co-sponsor.

**Review of Regulations  
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REGULATION NO. 16 DE	SYNOPSIS	ACTION	DATE LETTER SENT	FINAL STATUS
6	DMMA Emergency Fair Hearing	Provided 2 observations and recommendations.	7/23/12	No further action taken.
20	DOE Proposed Health Exams & Screening	Provided 1 observation.	7/23/12	Reviewed final regulation 283 on 9/1/12, with amendment acknowledged. No further action taken.
24	DLTCRP Proposed LTC Discharge and Impartial Hearing	Provided 21 observations and recommendations.  Provided 5 observations and concerns on the final regulation. Requested a meeting with DHSS representative to discuss specific issues.	7/23/12  9/28/12	Reviewed final regulation 296 on 9/1/12, with 16 of 21 amendments effected.  No further action taken.
30	DMMA Proposed Expedited Fair Hearing	Provided 2 observations and recommendations.  Thanked DMMA for including amendments.	7/23/12  11/2/12	Reviewed final regulation 419 on 11/1/12 with both amendments effected.  No further action taken.
38	DMMA Proposed Nursing Home Facility Quality Assessment	Provided 1 technical observation regarding inconsistencies between the legislation and the regulation.	7/23/12	Reviewed final regulation 309 on 9/1/12 with 1 amendment addressed. No further action taken.
42	DMMA Proposed LTC Ombudsman Program	Endorsed the proposed regulation. Requested an update on a DHSS commitment to address conflicts between the Ombudsman's Office and Office of the Secretary/ DHSS to ensure independent legal counsel.	7/23/12	Reviewed final regulation 312 on 9/1/12. Followed up with Office of the Secretary/DHHS. Received a response from Secretary Landgraf dated 10/11/12 addressing the issue of possible conflicts.
44	DMMA Proposed Medicaid Telemedicine	Provided 4 observations and recommendations. Endorsed the concept of authorizing telemedicine.	7/23/12	Reviewed final regulation 314 on 9/1/12, with endorsement acknowledged and all 4 amendments effected. No further action taken.
47	DSS Proposed Childcare Subsidy Program Technical Eligibility	Provided 3 observations and recommendations. Endorsed the proposed regulation. Endorsed the concept of authorizing telemedicine.	7/23/12	Reviewed final regulation 319 on 11/1/12, with 2 amendments effected. No further action taken.
157	DOE Proposed Immunization	Endorsed the proposed regulation.	8/23/12	Reviewed final regulation 411 on 10/1/12 with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
160	DOE Proposed Supportive Instruction	Provided 7 observations.	8/23/12	Reviewed final regulation 412 on 10/1/12 with 4 amendments effected. No further action taken.

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166	DMMA Proposed Estate Recovery & Civil Unions	Endorsed the proposed regulation.	8/23/12	Reviewed final regulation 423 on 10/1/12 with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
170	DMMA Proposed PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for Elderly).	Provided 5 observations.  Respectfully requested regulatory amendments on 2 previous observations.	8/23/12  12/4/12	Reviewed final regulation 532 on 11/1/12, with 3 amendments effected. No further action taken. No further action taken.
173	DSS Proposed Emergency Assistance Services	Provided 7 observations.	8/23/12	Reviewed final regulation 426 on 11/1/12, effecting no change. No further action taken.
270	DeIDOT Proposed External Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint	Provided 4 observations and recommendations.  Provided 1 observation.	9/28/12  11/2/12	Thank you received on 10/15/12. DeIDOT will reviewing all comments by end of October. Thank you received on 11/20/12. Made modification based on SCPD comments and others. Regulations will be republished in Winter 2013.
351	DOE Proposed Cyberbullying	Provided 4 observations and recommendations. Provided same 4 observations and recommendations since the January version does not address teacher-student bullying.	10/31/12  1/28/13	Reviewed revised proposed regulation 694 on 1/1/13. Reviewed final regulation 955 on 3/1/13 with no amendments effected.
371	DLTCRP Proposed Nurse Assistant/CNA Training	Provided 4 observations related to style and grammar.	10/31/12	Reviewed final regulation 632 on 12/1/12, with 1 amendment effected. No further action taken.
376	DLTCRP Proposed Rest (Residential) Home	Provided 18 observations and recommendations.  Thanked DLTCRP for incorporating many amendments and provided observations.	10/31/12  1/9/13	Reviewed final regulation 637 on 1/1/13, with 15 amendments effected. No further action taken.
377	DMMA Proposed Medicaid LTC Home Equity Cap	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to one concern.	10/31/12	Reviewed final regulation 639 on 12/1/12, with amendment effected. No further action taken.
378	DSS Proposed General Assistance Time Limit	Strongly endorsed the proposed regulation.	10/31/12	Reviewed final regulation 642 on 12/1/12, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
379	DSS Proposed TANF/ Transitional Work Program Sanction	Endorsed the proposed regulation.	10/31/12	Reviewed final regulation 643 on 12/1/12, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
488	DOE Proposed Early Childhood Teacher	Endorsed the proposed regulation and provided 1 observation.	12/1/12	No further action taken.



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489	DOE Proposed Teacher of Students with Autism/Severe Disabilities	Provided 5 observations on the proposed regulation. Provided 5 observations on the final regulation, including DOE's responses to 12/1/12 letter.	12/1/12 1/28/13	Reviewed final regulation 767, with 1 amendment effected. No further action taken.
506	DOE Proposed Special Education Director Certification	Provided 3 observations.  Thanked DOE for adopting amendments.	12/1/12 4/30/13	Reviewed final regulation 1073 on 4/1/13, with 2 amendments effected.
517	DMMA Proposed ICF/MR and LTC Facility Reimbursement	Endorsed the proposed regulation and provided 2 observations.	11/30/12	Reviewed final regulation 781 on 1/1/13, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
582	DOE Proposed Teacher of Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing Certification	Provided 4 observations and recommendations.	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 851 on 2/1/13, with 3 amendments effected. No further action taken.
587	DOE Proposed Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Certification	Provided 3 observations and recommendations.	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 856 on 2/1/13, with 3 amendments effected. No further action taken.
592	DLTCRP Proposed Nursing Facility Emergency Preparedness	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to 2 amendments. Requested copy of the "template".	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 861 on 2/1/13, with 2 amendments effected. No further action taken.
593	DLTCRP Proposed Pediatric Nursing Home Emergency Preparedness	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to 2 amendments. Requested copy of the "template".	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 863 on 2/1/13, with 2 amendments effected. No further action taken.
595	DLTCRP Proposed Assisted Living Facility Emergency Preparedness	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to 3 amendments. Requested copy of the "template".	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 965 on 2/1/13, with 3 amendments effected. No further action taken.
597	DMMA Proposed Psychiatric Hospital Reimbursement	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to a minor grammatical edit.	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 867 on 2/1/13, with grammatical amendment effected. No further action taken.
600	DPH Proposed School-Based Health Centers	Provided 6 observations.  Thanked DPH for consideration of comments.	12/21/12 3/27/13	Reviewed final regulation 982 on 3/1/13, with 6 amendments effected. No further action taken.
603	DSS Proposed Child Care Subsidy Purchase of Care Plus Phase Out	Provided 3 "pros" and 3 "cons", without endorsing the regulation.	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 987 on 3/1/13. DSS sent letter on 1/8/13; they are withdrawing the initiative pending further study based on comments received. No further action taken.
605	DSS Proposed Interpreter & Translation Services	Provided 10 observations and recommendations and offered technical assistance either by SCPD or CODHHE.	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 869 on 2/1/13, with 7 amendments effected. No further action taken.
607	DSS Proposed Food Supplement Program Identification Card	Provided reservations regarding the proposal to no longer issue such id cards.	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 874 on 2/1/13, with DSS responding to concern. No further action taken.

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609	DSS Proposed Child Care Subsidy Income Eligibility & Provider Reimbursement	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to 1 observation.	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 876 on 2/1/13, with concern addressed. No further action taken.
611	DSAMH Proposed MH Screener & Voluntary Admission Payment	Provided 47 observations and recommendations.	12/21/12	Reviewed final regulation 992 on 3/1/13 with 39 amendments effected and 6 amendments addressed. No further action taken.
691	DOE Proposed Driver Education	Provided 2 observations including rationale.  Thanked DOE for incorporating amendments.	1/28/13  4/30/13	Reviewed final regulation 1070 on 4/1/13, with 2 amendments effected. No further action taken.
696	DOE Proposed Administration of Medications & Treatments	Provided 3 observations.	1/28/13	Reviewed final regulation 957 on 3/1/13, with 2 amendments effected and 1 addressed. No further action taken.
710	DLTCRP Proposed LTC Transfer, Discharge & Readmission	Strongly endorsed the regulation and provided 4 observations.	1/28/13	No further action taken.
716	DLTCRP Proposed LTC Facility Criminal History Check & Drug Test	Provided 15 observations.	1/28/13	Reviewed final regulation 974 on 3/1/13, with 10 amendments effected and 4 other amendments addressed. No further action taken.
717	DSS Proposed Childcare Subsidy Program: Food Benefit Voluntary Child Care	Provided 2 observations.	1/28/13	Reviewed final regulation 990 on 3/1/13, with 2 amendments effected. No further action taken.
717	DLTCRP Proposed Home Health Criminal History Check & Drug Test	Provided 17 observations.	1/28/13	Reviewed final regulation 978 on 3/1/13 with 14 amendments effected and 3 addressed. No further action taken.
719	VCAP Proposed Funeral & Burial Award Cap	Endorsed the proposed regulation and provided 3 observations.	1/28/13	Reviewed final regulation 1079 on 4/1/13, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
825	DMMA Proposed LTC Medicaid Resource	Provided 1 observation.	2/27/13	Reviewed final regulation 1077 on 4/1/13, with commentary acknowledged. No further action taken.
827	DPH Proposed Newborn Screening	Provided 8 observations.	2/27/13	Reviewed final regulation 1182 on 5/1/13, with 8 amendments effected. No further action taken.
918	DDDS Proposed Autism Services Providers	Provided 14 observations.	3/27/13	Reviewed final regulation 1170 on 5/1/13, with 12 amendments effected. No further action taken.
921	DMMA Proposed Increased Medicaid Primary Care Service Payment	Endorsed the proposed regulation.	3/27/13	Reviewed final regulation 1176 on 5/1/13, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.

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927	DSS Proposed Case Administration	Provided 6 observations.	3/28/13	Reviewed final regulation 1191 on 5/1/13 with 5 amendments effected and 1 addressed. No further action taken.
1023	DMMA Final Medicaid Alien Emergency, Labor & Delivery	Provided follow-up comments to 2/16/12 letter.	4/2/13	DMMA thanked SCPD for additional comments on 4/2/13 and they will take another look at given increased development of urgent care centers and free-standing emergency departments.
1028	DMMA Proposed Medicaid Prescription Drug	Endorsed the change in benzodiazepines and barbiturates and requested clarification on the rationale for reducing limits on opioid analgesics and availability of an "override".	4/26/13	Reviewed final regulation 1270 on 6/1/13, with concern addressed. No further action taken.
1033	DPH Proposed Medical Facility	Provided 5 observations and recommendations.	4/26/13	No further action taken.
1043	DSS Proposed Child Care Subsidy Program Definitions	Provided 2 observations and suggested that DSS consider republication of corrected proposed regulation.	4/26/13	Reviewed final regulation 1276 on 6/1/13, with 1 amendment effective and 1 addressed. No further action taken.
1130	DLTCRP Proposed LTC Transfer, Discharge & Readmission	Provided 11 observations and recommendations.	5/30/13	No further action taken.
1140	DMMA Proposed Diamond State Health Plan Renewal Notice	Provided 14 observations and recommendations, strongly opposing the discontinuation of the DSP.	5/30/13	Reviewed final regulation 225 on 8/1/13 with 2 amendments effected. Followed up on 2 issues on 12/19/13.
1143	DSS Proposed Food Supplement Program Time Limit	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to consideration of a minor revision.	5/30/13	Reviewed final regulation 66 on 7/1/13, with commentary acknowledged and 1 amendment effected. No further action taken.
1148	DSAMH Proposed MH Screener & Voluntary Admission Payment	Endorsed DSAMH's approach subject to revised language.	5/30/13	Reviewed final regulation 72 on 7/1/13, with revised language in 5 sections effected. No further action taken.
1152	DFS Proposed Criminal History Record Check	Provided 12 observations and recommendations.	5/30/13	Reviewed final regulation 332 on 9/1/13. Participated in a conference call with DFS and its DAG on 6/20/13. A proposed revised draft was sent by DFS and a supplemental critique was sent on 6/24/13 by Brian Hartman. Twelve (12) amendments were effected. No further action taken.

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1159	DFS Proposed Child/Health Care Setting Child Abuse Registry	Provided 5 observations and recommendations.	5/30/13	Reviewed final regulation 339 on 9/1/13. Participated in a conference call with DFS and its DAG on 6/20/13. A proposed revised draft was sent by DFS and a supplemental critique was sent on 6/24/13 by Brian Hartman. Four (4) amendments were effected. No further action taken.
1234	DOE Proposed Teacher Appraisal Process Repeal	Endorsed this “housekeeping” initiative.	6/24/13	Reviewed final regulation 204 on 8/1/13 with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
1235	DOE Proposed Teacher Appraisal Process Revision	Provided comments that the proposed regulation further dilutes the already “overly generous” teacher appraisal standards and gave examples. Endorsed 1 proposed change regarding “unannounced” versus “announced” observation of teachers.	6/24/13	Reviewed final regulation 206 on 8/1/13 with only minor amendments effected. No further action taken.
1244	DOE Proposed Specialist Appraisal Process Repeal	Endorsed this “housekeeping” initiative.	6/24/13	Reviewed final regulation 214 on 8/1/13 with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
1245	DOE Proposed Specialist Appraisal Process Revision	Provided comments that the proposed regulation further dilutes the already “overly generous” specialist appraisal standards and gave examples. Endorsed 1 proposed change regarding “unannounced” versus “announced” observation of specialists.	6/24/13	Reviewed final regulation 216 on 8/1/13 with only minor amendments effected. No further action taken.
1253	DOE Proposed Administrator Appraisal Process Repeal	Endorsed this “housekeeping” initiative.	6/24/13	Reviewed final regulation 224 on 8/1/13 with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
1255	DPH Proposed Communicable and Other Disease Conditions	Provided 7 observations and recommendations.	6/24/13	Reviewed final regulation 320 on 9/1/14 with 6 amendments effected. No further action taken.
1257	DSCYF/DFS Proposed Residential Child Care Facility & Day Treatment Programs	Provided 4 observations and recommendations. Provided 5 observations and recommendations.	6/24/13 8/29/13	Reviewed revised proposed regulation 186 on 8/1/13.

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62	DFS Proposed Child Placing Agency	Provided 28 observations and recommendations.  Thanked DFS for adopting many revisions based on commentary.	7/25/13  4/29/14	Reviewed final regulation 925 on 3/1/14, with 15 amendments effected.
148	DOE Proposed State Science Content Standards	Endorsed the proposed regulation	8/29/13	Reviewed final regulation 423 on 10/1/13. No further action taken.
150	DOE K-12 Health Education Program	Endorsed the aspect of the proposed regulation and provided comments.	8/29/13	Reviewed final regulation 425 on 10/1/13. No further action taken.
152	DOE Proposed Accelerated Academic Programs	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to 2 amendments. Requested copy of the "template".	8/29/13	Reviewed final regulation 427 on 10/1/13, with 1 amendment effected. No further action taken.
156	DMMA/DDDS Proposed HCBS Waiver Amendments	Provided 4 observations and recommending. Strongly endorsed a revision regarding individual and group supported employment including transportation as an included expense. Identified 3 concerns regarding revamping standards for case manager monitoring of progress on plans of care.  Thanked DMMA/DDDS for adopting revisions based on commentary sent.	8/29/13  10/24/13	Reviewed final regulation 432 on 10/1/13, with 3 amendments effected and acknowledged endorsement.  No further action taken.
186	DFS Proposed Residential Child Care & Day Treatment Program	Provided 5 observations and recommendations.  Provided 3 observations and recommendations.	8/29/13  1/30/14	Reviewed reissued proposed regulation 706 on 1/1/14.
225	DMMA Final Diamond State Health Plan Renewal Notice	Followed up on two issues and soliciting DMMA's perspective.	12/19/13	No further action taken.
275	DOE Proposed Charter School	Provided 4 observations and recommendations.	9/26/13	Reviewed final regulation 497 on 11/1/13, with 2 amendments effected and 2 amendments addressed. No further action taken.
282	DMMA Proposed Medicaid Provider Screening	Identified 2 areas of concern and made recommendations.	9/26/13	Reviewed final regulation 519 on 11/1/13 with 2 amendments effected.
285	DMMA Proposed Medicaid Drug Reimbursement & Drug Rebate	Endorsed the proposed regulation.	9/26/13	Reviewed final regulation 501 on 11/1/13, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
288	DPH Proposed Trauma System	Provided 3 observations and recommendations.	9/26/13	Reviewed final regulation 523 on 11/1/13, with 1 amendment effected. No further action taken.

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289	DSS Proposed Child Care Subsidy Program "Relative" Definition	Provided 4 observations and recommendations.	9/26/13	Reviewed final regulation 526 on 11/1/13, with 3 amendments effected and 1 amendment addressed. No further action taken.
361	DOE Emergency School Health Tuberculosis Control Program	Provided 3 observations and recommendations.	10/25/13	No further action taken.
367	DOE Proposed Uniform Definitions for Student Conduct	Provided 25 observations and recommendations.  Follow-up to DOE re: DOE approach to comments it received, contrary to Administrative Procedures Act stating they published a regulation with no summary of evidence and information submitted and with no summary of its findings.	10/25/13  3/24/14	Reviewed final regulation 835 on 2/1/14, with 12 amendments effected in part. Response received from DOE on 3/7/14. No further action taken.
372	DOE Proposed Issuance of Initial License	Provided 4 observations.	10/25/13	Reviewed final regulation 610 on 12/1/13, with 1 amendment effected and 3 addressed. No further action taken.
395	DMMA Proposed Medicaid State Plan Rehabilitative Services	Provided 7 observations and recommendations.	10/25/13	Reviewed final regulation 634 on 12/1/13, with 6 amendments effected and 1 addressed. No further action taken.
397	DPH Proposed Medical Facilities Performing Invasive Procedures	Provided 26 observations and recommendations.	10/25/13	Reviewed final regulation 845 on 2/1/14, with 21 amendments effected. No further action taken.
405	DPH Proposed Medical Marijuana Program	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to considerations of 4 technical observations and recommendations.	10/25/13	Reviewed final regulation 738 on 1/1/14, with 1 amendment effected. No further action taken.
406	DSS Proposed TANF State Plan Amendment	Endorsed the proposed regulation and provided 3 observations.	10/25/13	Reviewed final regulation 638 on 12/1/13, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action.
469	DOE Proposed GED Test Credential	Provided 2 observations and recommendations.	11/25/13	Reviewed final regulation 724 on 1/1/14, with 1 amendment effected. No further action taken.
472	DOE Proposed Educator Mentoring	Provided 3 observations and recommendations.	11/25/13	Reviewed final regulation 726 on 1/1/14, with 2 amendments effected. No further action taken.
486	DSS Proposed Childcare Subsidy Program Education	Endorsed the proposed regulations, with 1 technical amendment provided.	11/25/13	Reviewed final regulation 739 on 1/1/14, with endorsement acknowledged by DSS, with 1 amendment effected. No further action taken...
584 & 597	DMMA Proposed & Emergency Medicaid Pregnant Women & Infants Income Cap	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to consideration of a potential amendment.	12/23/13	Reviewed final regulation 845 on 2/1/14, with no change effected. No further action taken.

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588	DOE Proposed Charter Schools	Provided 2 observations and made a recommendation that DOE define “high-needs students” to include “students with disabilities”.	12/23/13 3/28/14	Reviewed final regulation 913 on 3/1/14. Alerted DOE that its amendment may not implement its intention and the Register version of the amendment may not conform to the version DOE submitted.
591	DOE Proposed Para-educator Permit	Provided 4 observations and recommendations.	12/23/13 1/30/14	Reissued proposed regulation 683 on 1/1/14. Provided previous 4 observations and recommendations.
608	DFS Proposed Child Placing Agency	Listed 28 previous observations and provided commentary and recommendations. Provided 3 supplemental observations and recommendations.	12/23/13	Reviewed final regulation 925 on 3/1/14. Notified AARP and DSAAPD of implications of regulations for those over 65 being barred from becoming foster parents.
679	DOE Proposed Curricula Alignment with State Content Standards	Provided 3 observations and recommendations. Endorsed provision covering special populations, including students with disabilities.	1/30/14	Reviewed final regulation 915 on 3/1/14, with 2 amendments effected and endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
683	DOE Proposed Paraeducator Permit	Provided 3 observations and recommendations.	1/30/14	Reviewed final regulation 919 on 3/1/14, with 4 amendments effected. No further action taken.
688	DMMA Proposed Pathways to Employment Medicaid Plan	Provided commentary that amendment was not on the website and not finalized so comments do not address the actual proposed amendment. Provided 11 observations and recommendations. Thanked DMMA/DDDS for adopting revisions based on commentary sent.	1/31/14 3/12/14 6/24/14	Reviewed proposed regulation 930 on 3/1/14. Provided a supplemental analysis focusing on missing document. Provided 16 observations and recommendations. Reviewed final regulation 1070 on 5/1/14, with 4 amendments effected and 7 other amendments addressed in detail.
812	DMMA Proposed “Outlier” Hospital Medicaid Reimbursement	Provided observations and reiterate concerns expressed in 9/29/09 letter which remain apt.	2/28/14	No further action taken.
833	DeIDOT Proposed External Equal Opportunity Complaint	Provided 9 observations and recommendations.	2/28/14	Reviewed final regulation 1101 on 5/1/14, with 5 amendments effected. No further action taken.
885	DMMA Proposed Preventive Services	Endorsed the proposed regulation.	3/28/14	Reviewed final regulation 1067 on 5/1/14, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
887	DMMA Proposed Adult Group Medicaid Claiming Methodology	Endorsed the proposed regulation.	3/28/14	Reviewed final regulation 1077 on 5/1/14, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.

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893	DMMA Proposed Medicaid Prescription Drug Reimbursement	Provided observations and noted that DMMA envisions adopting the new methodology without time to even consider comments which could have a significant impact on pharmacies.	3/28/14	Reviewed final regulation 1080 on 5/1/14, with SCPD's concern addressed. No further action taken.
897	DSS Proposed TANF Employment & Training Program Sanction	Endorsed the proposed regulation and provided 2 observations and recommendations.	3/28/14	Reviewed final regulation 143 on 8/1/14. No further action taken.
950	DMMA/DDDS Proposed HCBS Medicaid Waiver Renewal.	Provided a copy of previously submitted 19 observations and recommendations submitted on 3/12/14 plus supplemental remarks.	4/30/14	Reviewed final regulation 1179 on 6/1/14, with 3 amendments effected and all 19 observations addressed.
951	DMMA Proposed Medicaid Coverage of Prescribed Drugs	Endorsed the proposed regulation and provided observations.	4/30/14	Reviewed final regulation on 6/1/14, with endorsement acknowledged. No further action taken.
955	DPH Proposed Cancer Treatment Program	Provided 16 observations and recommendations.	4/30/14	Reviewed final regulation 67 on 7/1/14, with 9 amendments effected and all 16 addressed. No further action taken.
961	DPH Proposed Hospice Disposal of Medications	Provided 4 observations and recommendations.	4/30/14	Reviewed final regulation 135 on 8/1/14. No further action taken.
1014	DOE Proposed Teacher Appraisal	Provided 2 observations and recommendations.	5/29/14	Reviewed final regulation 31 on 7/1/14, with 1 amendment effected and 1 addressed. No further action taken.
1018	DOE Proposed Specialist Appraisal	Provided 2 observations and recommendations.	5/29/14	Reviewed final regulation 40 on 7/1/14, with 1 amendment effected and the other addressed. No further action taken.
1021	DOE Proposed Administrator Appraisal Process	Provided 3 observations and recommendations.	5/29/14	Reviewed final regulation 48 on 7/1/14, with 2 amendments effected. No further action taken.
1030	DOE Proposed Approval of Educator Preparation Program	Provided 9 observations and recommendations.	5/29/14	Reviewed final regulation 57 on 7/1/14, with 6 amendments effected and all addressed. No further action taken.
1031	DOE Proposed Initial License	Provided 6 observations and recommendations.	6/5/14	Reviewed final regulation 218 on 9/1/14 with 5 amendments effected. No further action taken.
1032	PSB Proposed Educational Technology Standards	Provided 7 observations and recommendations.	5/29/14	Reviewed final regulation 224 on 9/1/14 with 4 amendments effected. No further action taken.
1035	DPH Proposed Cancer Registry	Endorsed the concept of switching to an electronic reporting system subject to consideration of 5 amendments. Thanked DPH for incorporating all amendments.	5/29/14 8/14/14	Reviewed final regulation 63 on 7/1/14, with 5 amendments effected. No further action taken.



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1037	DPH Proposed Skilled Home Health Agency Director Qualifications	Endorsed the proposed regulation and recommended that the Division clarify whether existing directors are “grandfathered” or if the regulation will be applied to disqualify existing directors who do not meet the new standards.	5/29/14	Reviewed final regulation 133 on 8/1/14. No further action taken.
1038	DSS Proposed Child Care Subsidy Eligibility	Endorsed the proposed regulation subject to consideration of 2 amendments and recommendations.	5/29/14	
1043	DFS Proposed Residential Child Care & Day Treatment Program	Provided 15 observations and recommendations.	5/29/14	
1124	DFS Emergency Camp Personnel Criminal Background Check	Provided 3 observations and recommendations	6/25/14	
1127	DOE Proposed High School Graduation Requirements & Diploma	Provided 5 observations, concerns and recommendations.	6/25/14	Reviewed final regulation 127 on 8/1/14. No further action taken.
1133	DOE Proposed Limitations on Use of Seclusion & Restraint	Thanked DOE for opportunity to review pre-publication draft regulation and submitted 39 comments and recommendations. Provided 9 observations and recommendations.	5/8/14 6/25/14	Reviewed Pre-Publication Draft Regulation on 4/7/14. No further action taken.
1138	DSS Proposed Case Processing Procedures	Noted that the Disabilities Law Program prompted this amendment by identifying to DMMA inconsistency in regulations covering the time frames for processing initial Medicaid applications. Asked DHSS to consider 2 amendments.	6/25/14	Reviewed final regulation 139 on 8/1/14 with 2 revisions effected. No further action taken.
1140	DSS Proposed Food Stamp Supplement Program Unearned Income Verification	Noted that SCPD is unable to offer comments (pro or con) given lack of information on the justification for using unearned income verification sources other than the federal IEVS.	6/25/14	
1145	DSS Proposed Food Supplement Program Household Definition	Endorsed the proposed regulation since the revision is necessary to conform to the statute.	6/25/14	Reviewed final regulation 147 on 8/1/14. No further action taken.
1155	DFS Proposed Early Care & Education & School-Age Center	Provided 3 observations and recommendations.	6/25/14	
	PSB Pre-publication Draft Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Legislation & Regulations	Provided 3 observations to the draft legislation and 3 observations to the proposed regulations.	8/14/13	

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	DMMA Pre-publication PDN Provider Specific Policy	Provided 8 observations and recommendations.	8/5/13	

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LETTER TO	SYNOPSIS/ACTION	DATE
Anthony Albence New Castle County Department of Elections	Letter sent re: Polling Place Accessibility and written notice of deficiency at six (6) polling places.	7/19/12
Vance Funk City of Newark	Letter sent requesting a copy of plans and guidelines for a skateboard park and included strong encouragement of a mandated staffed site, requirement of at least a helmet and other safety standards which may reduce the risk of disabling injuries and concussions.	7/30/12
News Journal Letter to the Editor	Letter sent endorsing the Office of Highway Safety's Walk Smart Campaign which is helping to educate the public about safe practices when walking, rolling a wheelchair or pushing a stroller.	7/30/12
Mary Sue Jones EMS for Children	Letter sent endorsing the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program in its application for the State Partnership Grant.	8/16/12
Keisha Brinkley Appoquinimink High School	Letter sent regarding not allowing someone with a service dog to proctor SAT exams at Appoquinimink High School.	8/27/12
Governor Jack Markell	Letter sent endorsing the State of Delaware's application for funding from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the State Innovation Models initiative.	9/13/12
Gary Simpson, Minority Leader of the Senate	Letter sent saying that the legislation (H.B. 319) creating the Employment First Oversight Commission requires that the Minority Leader of the Senate appoint a representative to serve on the Commission.	9/25/12
Anthony DeLuca, President Pro Tempore of the Senate	Letter sent saying that the legislation (H.B. 319) creating the Employment First Oversight Commission requires that the President Pro Tempore of the Senate appoint a representative to serve on the Commission.	9/25/12
Gregory Lavelle, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives	Letter sent saying that the legislation (H.B. 319) creating the Employment First Oversight Commission requires that the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives appoint a representative to serve on the Commission.	9/25/12
Robert Gilligan, Speaker of the House	Letter sent saying that the legislation (H.B. 319) creating the Employment First Oversight Commission requires that the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoint a representative to serve on the Commission.	9/25/12
Patricia Gannon Public Services Commission	Letter sent opposing the proposal by Delmarva Power which is seeking the right to disconnect customers remotely instead of having to follow the current regulation that requires utilities to make a reasonable good faith attempt to contact the resident in persons prior to manual disconnection.	9/27/12
Brian Hartman Disabilities Law Program	Letter sent strongly endorsing the FY 13 priorities for the protection and advocacy system for individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities; traumatic brain injury, protection and advocacy for assistive technology and protection and advocacy for individual rights programs.	9/28/12
Rita Landgraf Department of Health & Social Services	Letter sent regarding the redacted version of the August 14, 2012 decision regarding a proposed discharge of a resident at Peach Tree Acres. Raised concern about comments given by the Director of Peach Tree Acres and the facility's Director of Nursing.	10/12/12
Amy Benjamin & Don Moore, PAS Work Group	Letter sent re: PAS Draft Legislation. Provided supplemental observations and suggested a meeting.	10/31/12

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Rita Landgraf Delaware Health Fund Advisory Committee	Letter of thanks for providing \$760,000 in funding for the Community-Based Attendant Services Act in FY 13 (HB. 30) and encouraged consideration of enhanced funding to address the needs of a significant percentage of high priority applications.	11/7/12
Jane Gallivan Division of Developmental Disabilities Services	Letter sent regarding passage of H.B. 319 regarding persons with disabilities having a right to the opportunity for competitive employment and that competitive employment in an integrated setting shall be considered the first and priority option when offering or providing services and support to persons with disabilities who are of working age.	1/4/13
Mark Murphy Department of Education	Letter sent regarding passage of H.B. 319 regarding persons with disabilities having a right to the opportunity for competitive employment and that competitive employment in an integrated setting shall be considered the first and priority option when offering or providing services and support to persons with disabilities who are of working age.	1/4/13
Susan Cycyk Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services	Letter sent regarding passage of H.B. 319 regarding persons with disabilities having a right to the opportunity for competitive employment and that competitive employment in an integrated setting shall be considered the first and priority option when offering or providing services and support to persons with disabilities who are of working age.	1/4/13
Andrea Guest Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	Letter sent regarding passage of H.B. 319 regarding persons with disabilities having a right to the opportunity for competitive employment and that competitive employment in an integrated setting shall be considered the first and priority option when offering or providing services and support to persons with disabilities who are of working age.	1/4/13
Robert Doyle Division for the Visually Impaired	Letter sent regarding passage of H.B. 319 regarding persons with disabilities having a right to the opportunity for competitive employment and that competitive employment in an integrated setting shall be considered the first and priority option when offering or providing services and support to persons with disabilities who are of working age.	1/14/13
Kevin A. Huckshorn Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health	Letter sent regarding passage of H.B. 319 regarding persons with disabilities having a right to the opportunity for competitive employment and that competitive employment in an integrated setting shall be considered the first and priority option when offering or providing services and support to persons with disabilities who are of working age.	1/4/13
John McMahan Department of Labor	Letter sent regarding passage of H.B. 319 regarding persons with disabilities having a right to the opportunity for competitive employment and that competitive employment in an integrated setting shall be considered the first and priority option when offering or providing services and support to persons with disabilities who are of working age.	1/4/13
William Love Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities	Letter sent regarding passage of H.B. 319 regarding persons with disabilities having a right to the opportunity for competitive employment and that competitive employment in an integrated setting shall be considered the first and priority option when offering or providing services and support to persons with disabilities who are of working age.	1/4/13

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Carol Danberg Department of Correction	Letter sent regarding passage of H.B. 319 regarding persons with disabilities having a right to the opportunity for competitive employment and that competitive employment in an integrated setting shall be considered the first and priority option when offering or providing services and support to persons with disabilities who are of working age.	1/4/13
Kendall Sommers DNREC – Division of Parks & Recreation	Letter sent providing 3 observations of Draft 2013 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.	1/15/13
Rita Landgraf, Secretary Department of Health & Social Services	Email sent regarding a January 8, 2013 News Journal article which discusses a “coalition of health and community organizations” the the redevelopment prospects of the Governor Bacon Health Center and Fort DuPont State Park.	4/2/13
Thomas P. Gordon New Castle County	Letter sent requesting appropriate regulations and/or ordinances which satisfy the mandates of H.B. 172 regarding Accessible Parking Signage Requirements.	4/4/13
Michael Petit de Mange Kent County Levy Court	Letter sent requesting appropriate regulations and/or ordinances which satisfy the mandates of H.B. 172 regarding Accessible Parking Signage Requirements.	4/3/13
Todd Lawson Sussex County	Letter sent requesting appropriate regulations and/or ordinances which satisfy the mandates of H.B. 172 regarding Accessible Parking Signage Requirements.	4/3/13
Carleton E. Carey, Sr. City of Dover	Letter sent requesting appropriate regulations and/or ordinances which satisfy the mandates of H.B. 172 regarding Accessible Parking Signage Requirements.	4/3/13
Vance A. Funk City of Newark	Letter sent requesting appropriate regulations and/or ordinances which satisfy the mandates of H.B. 172 regarding Accessible Parking Signage Requirements.	4/3/13
Kenneth Branner, Jr. Town of Middletown	Letter sent requesting appropriate regulations and/or ordinances which satisfy the mandates of H.B. 172 regarding Accessible Parking Signage Requirements.	4/3/13
Samuel R. Cooper City of Rehoboth Beach	Letter sent requesting appropriate regulations and/or ordinances which satisfy the mandates of H.B. 172 regarding Accessible Parking Signage Requirements.	4/3/13
William G. Bennett City of Seaford	Letter sent requesting appropriate regulations and/or ordinances which satisfy the mandates of H.B. 172 regarding Accessible Parking Signage Requirements.	4/3/13
Dennis P. Williams City of Wilmington	Letter sent requesting appropriate regulations and/or ordinances which satisfy the mandates of H.B. 172 regarding Accessible Parking Signage Requirements.	4/3/13
Greg Link U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Community Living	Letter sent in strong support of the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities application for funding for a Federal Lifespan Respite Care Program grant.	5/8/13
Lexie McFassel, Esq. Office of the Public Guardian	Letter sent following up on 3/25/13 meeting with Delaware Guardianship Commission. Requested consideration of legislative concepts, provided concerns and recommendations.	5/16/13
Linda Osiecki DeIDOT	Letter sent strongly endorsing several Department of Transportation employees’ application to the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center for acceptance into the ADA Leadership Network.	5/29/13

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Joint Finance Committee	Letter sent thanking the JFC for providing \$40,000 to establish a Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund in Delaware. Also explained the purpose and administration of the fund.	7/16/13
Thomas Gordon, New Castle County Government	Follow-up letter sent requesting information on regulations or ordinances re: accessible parking signage requirements for persons with disabilities.	7/18/13
Dennis Williams, City of Wilmington	Follow-up letter sent requesting information on regulations or ordinances re: accessible parking signage requirements for persons with disabilities.	7/18/13
Vance Funk, City of Newark	Follow-up letter sent requesting information on regulations or ordinances re: accessible parking signage requirements for persons with disabilities.	7/18/13
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Carlton Carey, City of Dover	Follow-up letter sent requesting information on regulations or ordinances re: accessible parking signage requirements for persons with disabilities.	7/18/13
John McNeal, Del DOT	Letter sent re: DelDOT Proposed ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan. Provided 11 observations. Expressed appreciation for the efforts by DelDOT to develop a more comprehensive plan and the transparency in disclosing deficiencies in ADA program accessibility. Welcomed the opportunity for continued collaboration.	9/3/13
Representative Quinton Johnson Representative Edward Osienski Dr. Della Thomas, Ed.D., Statewide Programs for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind	Letter sent from the Council on Deaf & Hard of Hearing (CODHHE) re: H.R. 20 which created a Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the Delaware School for the Deaf and Statewide Programs for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind. Expressed disappointment regarding the membership of the Task Force and the exclusion of organizations that could have provided valuable input. Also questioned why there was not a representative who is currently a teacher of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing and a representative from the Christina School District included on the Task Force.	10/25/13
Members of the Joint Finance Committee; Rich Paprcka, Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC); Shailen Bhatt, DelDOT	Letter sent re: DART Transit Redesign Plan Proposal. Expressed concern about DART only provided an outline and not providing a “detailed plan” regarding its intended changes. and only provided an outline. and the document provided by them which had little detail and	10/28/13
Delaware Deaf & Hard of Hearing Community	Letter and application package sent from the Council on Deaf & Hard of Hearing (CODHHE) to various groups regarding a camp scholarship opportunity.	10/28/13
Shailen Bhatt, Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)	Letter sent re: DelDOT ‘S Complete Streets Policy and the Department’s “Agreement” with the U.S. Department of Justice and Community Legal Aid Society executed on 7/16/04, which requires DelDOT to issue a report regarding the installation of curb ramps at intersections on state-maintained road; land requested current and past reports that comply with the Agreement. Executive Order No. 6, signed by Governor Markell on 4/24/09, requires DelDOT to create a complete Streets Policy that will promote safe access for all users along and across the streets of Delaware. Requested the Complete Streets Implementation Plan.	2/7/14

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Joint Finance Committee	Letter sent from Marissa L. Band, Esquire ((Disabilities Law Program/Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.), on behalf of Disabilities Law Program, Developmental Disabilities Council, Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens, and State Council for Persons with Disabilities re: Division of Family Services FY 2015 Budget. Supported the Governor’s Recommended Budget request to continue funding for the enormously successfully Parent Child Interactive Therapy program.	2/20/14
Joint Finance Committee	Letter sent from Marissa L. Band, Esquire ((Disabilities Law Program/Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.), on behalf of Disabilities Law Program, Developmental Disabilities Council, Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens, and State Council for Persons with Disabilities re: Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services FY 2015 Budget.	2/20/14
Harris McDowell, Co-Chair-JFC Melanie Smith, Co-Chair –JFC Joint Finance Committee	Letter sent from Sarah Goncher, Esquire (Disabilities Law Program/Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.), on behalf of Disabilities Law Program, Developmental Disabilities Council, Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens, and State Council for Persons with Disabilities re: Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health FY 15 Budget. Addressed two components of the budget, i.e., the need to fund both intensive community support services and crisis stabilization services. Provided support and recommended the DSAMH funding request in the Governor’s Recommended Budget.	2/27/14
Rita Landgraf, DHSS; Stephen Groff, DMMA; Jane Gallivan, DDDS; Daniel Chappell, DMMA; and Eddi Ashby, DDDS	Letter sent re: DDDS HCBS (Home & Community-Based Services) Waiver Renewal. Provided 19 observations and concerns, especially with the fact that the waiver does not provide participate direction opportunities.	3/12/14
Joint Finance Committee	Letter sent re: DelDOT/DART Transit Redesign and requested a moratorium on the DTC changes until an effective, detailed plan with a defined Task Force that includes community members, transit organization representatives, advocates and DTC staff is formed to discuss fair and equitable solutions for a well-defined plan, including benchmarks to better serve people with disabilities needing transportation so they can remain integrated into the community and be able to participate in all aspects of society no matter where we live.	3/19/14
Dean Stotler, Government Support Services (GSS)	Letter sent on behalf of the Employment First Oversight Commission regarding the Temporary Employment Services set aside contract and data from the Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (DelARF) suggesting that work opportunities for persons with disabilities that are associated with certain newly set aside classifications were declining at an aggressive rate. Expressed concern that it may result in a barrier to achieving meaningful and integrated employment for persons with disabilities. Requested that GSS provide DelARF with all the unabridged monthly usage reports for this contract from January 2013 to present.	4/16/14
Anthony Albence, New Castle County Department of Election	Letter sent regarding Notices of deficiency of 5 specific polling sites to local departments of election. Requested that the New Castle County Department of Elections process notice and solicit a site assessment from the Architectural Accessibility Board (AAB) and defer to the findings of the Board.	6/23/14
Rita Landgraf	Letter sent re: responses received from various agencies regarding request for information consistent with the objectives set forth in H.B. 319.	7/22/14

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House of Representatives	Letter sent listing 5 concerns re: H.R. 20 (Deaf Education Task Force Report) published on May 21, 2014 which impact educational options and opportunities for students with hearing loss.	6/26/14
Shauna Hagan Tania Culley	Letter sent strongly endorsing the comments and recommendation to adopt a clear and convincing evidence standard with the burden of proof on the guardian, given in a letter dated 9/20/13 by the Disabilities Law Program.	9/27/14
Brian Hartman Disabilities Law Program	Letter sent strongly endorsing Disabilities Law Program's (DLP's) FY 14 priorities for its PAIMI (Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness); PADD (Protection & Advocacy for Persons with Developmental Disabilities); PATBI (Protection & Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury); PAAT (Protection & Advocacy for Assistive Technology); and Protection & Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR) programs.	9/30/13
Joint Finance Committee Lauren Skiver, DART Shailen Bhatt, DelDOT	Letter sent re: proposed changes to Paratransit. Follow-up to the Joint Finance Committee meeting on October 3, 2013 and concern that changes appear to be imminent without access to a tangible plan to effectively analyze and prepare informed comments and the impact of DTCs approach to those who live outside the ADA mandated service area (within a 3/4 mile radius of fixed route service). Endorsed the comments by the Disabilities Law Program with the observation regarding Par. 7 that the age criteria noted is specific to Kent and Sussex Counties. In addition, requested the number of people who would be affected before it can accurately comment on any recommendation regarding the eligibility of people over age 65.	10/11/13
Greg Link, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Community Living	Letter sent strongly supporting the Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities' (DSAAPD's) application for funding for a federal Lifespan Respite Care Program Grant—Building Long Term Sustainability in State Respite Programs.	5/28/14