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Ms. Susan K. Haberstroh Education Associate Department of Education 401 Federal Street, Suite 2 Dover, DE 19901

RE: 14 DE Reg. 606 [DOE Proposed Children with Disabilities Part 923 Regulation]

Dear Ms. Haberstroh:

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Education's (DOE's) proposal to amend its special education regulation in the context of general duties and eligibility of agencies. The proposed regulation was published as 14 DE Reg. 606 in the January 1, 2011 issue of the Register of Regulations. Council has the following observations.

First, the regulation does not address children served prior to age three consistent with Title 14 <u>Del.C.</u> §3101(1)(2). <u>See, e.g.,</u> §§1.2 and 24.1. There are multiple categories of children who are eligible for a FAPE at birth. <u>See, e.g.,</u> Title 14 <u>Del.C.</u> §§1703(l) and 14 DE Admin Code 925, §6.6.3 (autism); Title 14 <u>Del.C.</u> §1703(m) and 14 DE Admin Code 925, §6.8.4 (deaf-blind); and Title 31 <u>Del.C.</u> §2501 and 14 DE Admin Code 925, §6.17 (blind/visual impairment). The DOE may wish to revise references to include children eligible at birth.

Second, the terms "sub grant" in §§33.1.1 and 33.1.2 should be "subgrant". See 34 C.F.R. §§300.228 and 300.705.

Third, in §52.1, the term "Sixty" should be "sixty".

Fourth, in §68.1.11, the word "Corrections" should be "Correction". The correct reference is Department of Correction. <u>See</u> Title 29 <u>Del.C.</u> §8901.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our observations or recommendations on the proposed regulation.

Sinterely, Warell Powell

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