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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

February 27, 2015

TO:

Members of the Delaware State House of Representatives

FROM:

Ms. Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson

State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE:

S.B. 10 (DPAS II Advisory Committee)

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed S.B. 10 which makes some technical and minor changes to the enabling legislation establishing the advisory committee for the Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II). Changes include the following: 1) requiring the Department of Education to provide administrative staff to the committee (line 4); 2) adding non-voting members representing the Department of Education and State Board of Education (lines 21-23); 3) authorizing the committee to meet more often than quarterly (line 24); and 4) rewording the duties of the committee (lines 26-42).

SCPD would have ideally preferred the expansion of membership to include a Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) representative given that the DPAS II Advisory Committee membership lacks any representative with specific background in special education. Otherwise SCPD has no reservations in endorsing the bill.

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

cc:

Delaware State Senate

Mr. Brian Hartman

Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens

Developmental Disabilities Council

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