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The Honorable John Carney
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2018

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

FROM: Ms. Jamie Wolfe, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: H.B. 287 (State of Delaware High School Diploma of Modified Performance Standards)

This legislation was introduced on January 4, 2018. As of January 4, 2018 it awaited action by the House Education Committee.

This bill amends Title 14 to rename the "Certificate of Performance" with "State of Delaware High School Diploma of Modified Performance Standards." The change allows schools to issue a document recognizing the completion of a course of study consistent with the student's identified goals and performance outcomes. The new title validates the student's work and reduces stigma, but as a practical matter will improve the student's ability to attain post-secondary education, training and/or work. The name will not mislead any prospective employer regarding the student's performance track at school. There is no downside to renaming the Certificate, and Councils may wish to endorse this legislation.

Given the potential benefits for students with disabilities, the SCPD is endorsing the concept of the proposed legislation.

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

cc: Ms. Laura Waterland, Esq.
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