MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 5, 2021

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

FROM: Terri Hancharick – Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: HB 144 (An Act to Amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code Relating to Funding for Pre-Kindergarten Special Education)

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed H.B. 144, which is intended to increase the funding for preschool students with disabilities who are not in Intensive or Complex special education units. SCPD endorses the proposed legislation and has the following observations.

This is to be accomplished by modifying the ratio of students per preschool unit of pupils. The bill would change the ratio of students from 12.8 to 8.4 over the course of three years as follows:

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The current ratio of students has been in place since 2011.
Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position and observations on the proposed legislation.

cc: Ms. Laura Waterland, Esq.
    Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens
    Developmental Disabilities Council

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