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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 23, 2014

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

**FROM:** Terri A. Hancharick, Chairperson  
GACEC

**RE:** Senate Bill No. 229 with Senate Amendments 2 and 3 and House Amendment No. 1 (Assessment Exemptions for Specific Students)

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) endorsed the concept of Senate Bill No. 229 on the special exemption of students from the standard or alternate assessment earlier this month. At that time we noted that as the State Advisory Panel for Delaware, we would like to ensure that students who are granted a special exemption will still be provided an opportunity to have their academic progress measured as fully as possible. House Amendment No. 1 clarifies that students who are assessed through the new portfolio method of assessment created by Senate Bill No. 229 are participating in an assessment. Council **endorses** Senate Bill No. 229 as amended.

Thank you for your time and attention to our comments. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss, GACEC Executive Director, if you have any questions.