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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 20, 2018

TO: The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

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

RE: House Bill No. 402 DMV License Suspension of Expelled Students

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed House Bill No. 402 which removes the obligation of a district superintendent to report expelled students to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) resulting in the suspension of the student's driver's license. Council **endorses** the proposed legislation.

Currently, in 14 Del. Code §4130, a superintendent is obligated to report an expelled student to the DMV, which has the authority to suspend that student's license for the duration of the expulsion, until age 19 or for two years, depending on the circumstances. Removing a driver's license can have many unintended consequences. It will likely prevent the student from attending an alternative education program, hinder or cause the termination of employment and may lead to the student dropping out of school altogether.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our endorsement. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss should you have any questions.

CC: The Honorable Susan Bunting, Secretary of the Department of Education
The Honorable Jennifer Cohan, Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation