



**Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC)**  
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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. 438 Justice of the Peace Court Suspension of Licenses for Truancy**

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed House Bill No. 438 which removes the ability of the Justice of the Peace (JP) Court to order the suspension or revocation of driving permits and licenses, or a hunting license for truancy. Council **endorses** the proposed legislation.

Currently, 14 Del. Code §2730 lists the suspension or revocation of any permit held by the student, including a work permit or a driver's permit; and the suspension or revocation of any license held by the student, including a driver's license or a hunting license as penalties for students deemed truant by the JP Court. Suspending or revoking a driver's license or work permit 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