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### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 19, 2019

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

**FROM:** Ann C. Fisher, Chairperson  
GACEC

**RE:** **Senate Bill No. 111 Advisory Council to the Division of Developmental Disabilities Amendment**

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed **Senate Bill No. 111** which proposes some revisions to the enabling statute for the Advisory Council to the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS) as identified by the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee. Council **endorses** the proposed legislation since it will allow greater efficiency in the appointment of members to the DDDS Advisory Council as well as greater continuity of members.

The bill amends language regarding membership terms on the Council. Instead of all terms being three years by default, the amended statute would allow the Governor to appoint members for terms of "up to 3 years to ensure that no more than 3 members' terms expire in a year."

The proposed legislation also eliminates the party membership quotas for appointed members to the Advisory Council. Many similar groups have found the party membership requirements to create obstacles to recruiting, appointing and retaining members.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office should you have any questions.