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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2025

TO: The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

FROM: William H. Doolittle, Chairperson
GACEC

RE: **Senate Bill (SB) No. 198 Delaware Equal Accommodations Law**

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed Senate Bill No. 198. This Bill is intended to amend the Delaware Equal Accommodations Law to adopt the protections of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973's Section 504 and its implementing regulations as those regulations existed on January 1, 2025. It aims to ensure that Delawareans with disabilities get broad and full protection within Delaware. The bill also adds that references to Section 504 in other parts of Delaware law or regulation will be considered a reference to the Delaware Equal Accommodations Law. Council **supports** this proposed legislation. We appreciate Senator Poore, Representative Neal and Representative Heffernan for proposing this legislation on behalf of Delawareans with disabilities. Passage of this bill will protect at the state level, the guidance memorialized in the regulations, in the event there are changes at the federal level to deregulate.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our support of the proposed legislation. Please feel free to contact me or Pam Weir at the GACEC office if you Have any questions.