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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2026

TO: The Honorable Kim Williams, Delaware State House of Representatives
The Honorable Laura Sturgeon, Delaware State Senate

FROM: William H. Doolittle, Chairperson
GACEC

RE: **House Bill No. 309 Delaware Autism Program**

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed House Bill No. 309, which makes several changes to implement the transfer of the Delaware Autism Program to the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE).

While it is very clear that some of the language in the proposed legislation addresses the logistical issues that arise from bringing the Delaware Autism Program under the umbrella of the DDOE, there are other substantial changes for which Council could not determine the rationale. Therefore, before making a recommendation on the proposed legislation, the GACEC would like more information. We would like to request an opportunity to discuss our concerns with you before the legislation is moved forward in the legislative process. Please let us know your availability and we will take the necessary steps to meet with you at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request for a discussion on this proposed legislation. We look forward to having a dialogue on this issue and any other issues you may be contemplating that will impact persons with disabilities in Delaware. We hope to hear from you soon. Please feel free to reach out to me or Pam Weir at the GACEC office. Have a nice day.