

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council

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To: Delaware General Assembly
From: Developmental Disabilities Council
Date: March 15, 2011
RE: H.B. No. 12 (Child Sex Abuse Statute of Limitation)

The Developmental Disabilities Council has reviewed H.B. No. 12 Child Sex Abuse Statute of Limitation. We understand that H.B. No. 12 is meant to replicate the effect of S.B. No. 29 from the 145th General Assembly but for victims of public-sector employees.

The DD Council had previously endorsed H.B. No. 155 from the 145th General Assembly and we continue to support the intent of this bill for the same reasons. Most children with disabilities attend public schools. If we only allow those children who attend private schools the opportunity to file for redress when they have been offended against by school personnel we provide a system of inequity that excludes those children with disabilities who attend our public schools. We must allow these students the same rights as every other student.

The Developmental Disabilities Council **endorses H.B. No. 12**. Should you have any questions regarding our remarks please contact our office at 739-3333.

cc. Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens
State Council for Persons with Disabilities



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