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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education  
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**SUBJECT:** 2014 Departmental Legislation

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this item is to give an overview of the process and procedures used by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) in submitting departmental legislation to the Governor's Legislation office. Also, a brief description of the departmental issues that will be proposed before the 2014 session of the Maryland General Assembly will be presented.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

I have asked Ms. Renee Spence to briefly update the members of the State Board of Education on the following departmental proposals:

**Children with Disabilities –Parent Surrogates**

The bill transferring the education duties in adult correctional facilities from the Maryland State Department of Education to the Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation passed and was signed into law in 2008. In 2009, SB 762 passed which clarified items and responsibilities between the Maryland State Department of Education and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. This proposed legislation adds two additional state agencies Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSC) to the existing statute, this statutory change is needed in order for DLLR and DPSC to carry out the education duties that resulted in the transfer of the program.

**Compensatory Education Grants for Participating School Systems in the Community Eligibility Provision**

This legislation is being proposed to eliminate a barrier to participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The proposed legislation allows Maryland schools and school systems a period of time to pilot a new provision in federal law which provides for the use of an alternative method of calculating federal meal reimbursements without being subject to the possibility of losing State compensatory education funding.

### **State-Aided Educational Institutions – Criteria for Qualifying**

The bill establishing the State Aided Educational Institutions (SAI) passed and was signed into law in 1998. The law delineated criteria for qualification as an SAI and specified that organizations' educational program must "support the goals of the Maryland Schools for Success Program and the Maryland School Performance Program. Since that time Maryland's educational priorities have changed several times. The purpose of this law is to make the language broad enough to ensure that future changes are covered by the law.

### **State Early Childhood Advisory Council**

In October 2010, Maryland received funds to pursue the goals and objectives of the *Maryland State Advisory Council on Early Care and Education*, which was established in July 2008 by Executive Order 01.01.2008.09. The intent of this legislation is to incorporate the Executive Order into statute to reflect the importance of the work the Early Childhood Advisory Council has undertaken in their efforts to improve Maryland's early childhood education system. The list of members has been revised to reflect different areas of expertise to more fully accomplish the goals of the Early Childhood Advisory Council.

### **Education Coordinating Committee Repeal**

The Education Coordinating Committee was established to coordinate the policy activities of the State Board of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The coordinative function that the Committee was created to address is now effectively being addressed by the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland (Executive Order 01.01.2007.20). The membership of the Governor's P-20 Council includes a member of the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent of Schools, the Chairman of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Secretary of Higher Education, as well as the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland.

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