

## **Agency-request bill on Early Support for Infants and Toddlers**

DEL has one agency-request bill for the 2015 legislative session, which relates to our early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays.

This bill makes technical corrections to the statute relating to the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program, and makes clearer that DEL is the state lead agency for the program.

### **Sections 1 and 2:**

- Amends statute to make clear that the ESIT State Interagency Coordinating Council is a birth to 3 council (not birth to 6 as statute currently states).

### **Section 3:**

- Makes clearer DEL's role as lead agency for the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C.
- Corrects an error in reference to IDEA.
- Clarifies that school districts may provide early intervention services or contract them out or both.

### **Section 4:**

- Moves ESIT-related statute from the Department of Social and Health Services (where the program was housed until 2010) to DEL.

