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Wilmington, Delaware
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WHEREAS, an act to amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code relating to afterschool programs was proposed in the 148th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 240 establishes the Statewide Afterschool Initiative Learning Program, which will provide grants to public schools that qualify as Title 1 schools, so such schools can provide extended learning, homework assistance, personal enrichment, and food and nutrition service through afterschool programs; and

WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs have been proven to enhance student engagement, and increase the likelihood that students will stay in school and graduate on time; and

WHEREAS, after school hours, from 3-6 p.m., is the peak time for youth to commit crimes or become victims of crimes. Of the 11.3 million children that are unsupervised in the United States after school, 28, 292 are Delaware kids; and

WHEREAS, according to the Afterschool Alliance's 2014 'America After 3PM' state survey, of all Delaware children not currently enrolled in afterschool, 40% (48,140) would participate if an afterschool program were available in their community; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that high-needs schools in Delaware create afterschool programs to provide kids from low-income families a safe and constructive environment for academic assistance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council fully supports the Statewide Afterschool Learning Program, House Bill 240, and further encourages the members of the Delaware General Assembly to approve the legislation.

Passed by City Council,
January 21, 2016

Attest: Maribel Slija
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 20th
day of January, 2016.

Dana P. Stone
Assistant City Solicitor