Oversight in the News

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- Initiatives Seek to Give Delaware Citizens a Voice in One-Sided Rulemaking Process (WGMD, 1/10/2024)
  - Three bills are set to be presented to the Delaware General Assembly, aiming to curb the unrestrained rulemaking authority of the executive branch. State Rep. Rich Collins, the lead sponsor of House Bill 245, emphasizes the need for safeguards, citing the executive branch's lack of responsiveness during the recent pandemic. Another bill by State Rep. Jeff Spiegelman proposes the creation of a Joint Committee on Oversight of Agency Regulations to review and oversee state agency regulations, addressing concerns about public input's limited impact on the regulatory process.

- How much did nonprofits receive in opioid grants? Delaware auditor creates live tracker (Delaware Online, 8/15/2024)
  - Delaware State Auditor Lydia York's office has launched a new online tracker that monitors the distribution of funds from opioid settlement agreements. This tool provides transparency by detailing how much money has been allocated to nonprofits and other entities across the state

to combat the opioid crisis. The Prescription Opioid Settlement Tracker allows the public to see which organizations received grants and how these funds are being used to support treatment, prevention, and recovery efforts.
    - Visit the Prescription Opioid Settlement Tracker

- Audit Reveals Special Education Teacher Licensing Gaps in Delaware Schools (WBOC, 7/8/2025)
    - A state audit found that 4% of all public school teachers, including 62 special education teachers, in Delaware lacked expired or invalid licensure as of March 5, 2025. The Office of Auditor of Accounts reported weaknesses in the Department of Education's monitoring processes and recommended stronger oversight and data tracking. According to the audit, these gaps could impact the quality of education provided to students with disabilities.

- A state budget trend tracker is now available to Delaware residents (Delaware Public Radio, 7/6/2026)
    - Delaware State Auditor Lydia York's office has launched an interactive State Budget Trend Tracker that displays General Fund appropriations for state agencies and divisions from fiscal year 2015 through the fiscal year 2027 budget using publicly reported state financial data. According to the Auditor's Office, the tool is intended to make the state budget easier for residents to understand by showing how funding has changed over time and where General Fund tax dollars are allocated. The office noted that the tracker does not include appropriated special fund spending authority and described it as part of its broader efforts to improve fiscal transparency.

- Auditor: Delaware foster children sleep in government offices as placements lag (Spotlight Delaware, 10/19/2026)
    - Delaware Auditor Lydia York found that shortages of foster care placements have left some children sleeping in government offices, with out-of-state care and overtime staffing costing nearly $13 million since fiscal year 2023. Her report urged stronger monitoring of placements and overnight office stays, and called on legislators and the children's services department to build a more comprehensive support system. Lawmakers have appropriated $6 million for a 12-bed facility, but its expected July 2027 completion leaves ongoing questions about children's safety, placement capacity, and spending.