

Delaware Investments National Municipal Income Fund

Form SC 13G

June 10, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Delaware Investments National Municipal Income Fund

(Name of Issuer)

Municipal Income Preferred Shares

(Title of Class of Securities)

24610T108

(CUSIP Number)

May 31, 2016

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see Instructions).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
MacKay Shields LLC  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE  
PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)  
13-4080466

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A  
MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION  
Delaware (United States)

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IA

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**ITEM NAME OF ISSUER:**

**1(a).** Delaware Investments National Municipal Income Fund

**ITEM ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:**

**1(b).** ONE COMMERCE SQUARE  
2005 MARKET STREET  
PHILADELPHIA PA 19103

**ITEM NAME OF PERSON FILING:**

**2(a).** MacKay Shields LLC

**ITEM ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:**

**2(b).** 1345 Avenue of Americas  
New York, NY 10105

**ITEM CITIZENSHIP:**

**2(c).** Delaware (United States)

**ITEM TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:**

**2(d).** Municipal Income Preferred Shares

**ITEM CUSIP NUMBER:**

**2(e).** 24610T108

**ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c) CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:**

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c) Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8);
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

(j) A non-U.S. institution in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);

(k) Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with 240.13d1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

**ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP**

**(a) Amount beneficially owned:**

256,199

**(b) Percent of class:**

5.66%

**(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:**

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of:

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

**ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following .

**ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION:**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

MacKay Shields LLC

By:

/s/ Rene A. Bustamante

Name:

Rene A. Bustamante

Title:

Chief Compliance Officer

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