



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30

WHEREAS, public education is a function of the state; and

WHEREAS, state school aid provided to local school districts under Chapter 121 of the Wisconsin Statutes is a significant fraction of the cost of primary and secondary education; and

WHEREAS, it is state policy to assure equal educational opportunity for the children of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, state school aid is intended as relief to property taxpayers under Section 121.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the policies and mechanisms used to determine and distribute state aid for primary and secondary education require periodic review and revision;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTHONY S. EARL, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, at the request of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Establish the Governor's *School Finance Task Force*;
2. Provide that the task force shall consist of no more than 5 members appointed by the Governor upon consultation with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction;
3. Provide that the chairperson shall be selected by the Governor upon consultation with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction;
4. Direct the task force to examine whether the present use of general and categorical state aid to schools and the future use of such aid achieves the constitutionally-stated objectives of providing schools for Wisconsin residents that are "as nearly uniform as practicable" and "without charge for tuition to all children;"
5. Direct the task force to specifically address (a) the nature of the state's responsibility to finance public education, (b) the appropriate level of state aid, (c) the principles used to direct the distribution of general and categorical school aid, (d) the procedures and formulas by which aid is awarded, and (e) other issues judged germane by the task force;

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6. Direct the task force to present to the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction a written report of its findings and recommendations by October 1, 1984 and to disband after presenting the report;
7. Instruct the Secretary of the Department of Administration, pursuant to Section 20.505(3) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to provide the task force with the sums of money that are necessary and proper for legitimate travel and operating expenses;
8. Instruct the Secretary of the Department of Administration and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide all necessary staff resources for the task force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 20th day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.


ANTHONY S. EARL



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State