

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 269

**Relating to the Creation of the Governor's
State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin recognizes the importance of early childhood education and developmental programs and services for children from birth to school entry; and

WHEREAS, improving early childhood education and developmental programs will help more children arrive at kindergarten ready to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin particularly recognizes the need to promote school readiness of low-income children by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development through early childhood education and developmental programs; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a need for a coordinated and collaborative approach among Federal, State, and local child care and early childhood education programs; and

WHEREAS, the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 (hereinafter "Public Law 110-134") requires that the Governor establish a council to serve as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care for children from birth to school entry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care (hereinafter "Council"); and
2. Provide that the Governor shall designate an individual to coordinate the activities of the Council, as described in Public Law 110-134; and
3. Provide that the Council shall consist of members appointed in accordance with Public Law 110-134, and that the Council may include additional relevant members concerned with early childhood education and care, as the Governor may so designate; and
4. Direct that the Council shall meet the criteria and carry out the duties and functions prescribed in Public Law 110-134, in addition to any responsibilities assigned to the Council by the Governor, including the following:
 - a. Conduct a periodic statewide needs assessment concerning the quality and availability of early childhood education and development programs and services for children from birth to school entry, including an assessment of the availability of high-quality pre-kindergarten services for low-income children in the State; and
 - b. Identify opportunities for, and barriers to, collaboration and coordination among Federally-funded and State-funded child development, child care, and early childhood education programs and services, including collaboration and coordination among State agencies responsible for administering such programs; and
 - c. Develop recommendations for increasing the overall participation of children in existing Federal, State, and local child care and early

childhood education programs, including outreach to underrepresented and special populations; and

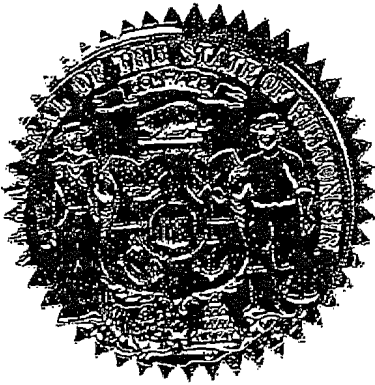
d. Develop recommendations regarding the establishment of a unified data collection system for public early childhood education and development programs and services throughout the State; and

e. Develop recommendations regarding statewide professional development and career advancement plans for early childhood educators in the State; and

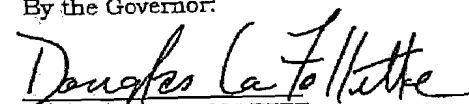
f. Assess the capacity and effectiveness of 2- and 4-year public and private institutions of higher education in the State toward supporting the development of early childhood educators, including the extent to which such institutions have in place articulation agreements, professional development and career advancement plans, and practice or internships for students to spend time in a Head Start or pre kindergarten program; and

g. Make recommendations for improvements in State early learning standards and undertake efforts to develop high-quality comprehensive early learning standards, as appropriate; and

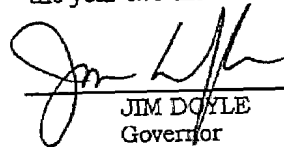
5. Direct that the Council shall hold public hearings and provide an opportunity for public comment on the activities described above and that the Council shall submit a statewide strategic report addressing such activities to the State Director of Head Start Collaboration and the Governor, in accordance with Public Law 110-134; and
6. Direct that after the Council submits a statewide strategic report, the Council shall meet periodically to review any implementation of the recommendations in such report and any changes in State and local needs, in accordance with Public Law 110-134.



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

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 thirtieth day of October, in the year two thousand eight.


JIM DOYLE
Governor