



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #140

**Relating to Creating the Governor's
Advisory Council on Mandates**

WHEREAS, state and county governments have been severely impacted by unfunded mandates legislated by the Congress and the State Legislature over time; and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates unilaterally impose fiscal burdens on governmental units and property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, if mandates are deemed necessary by Federal and/or State Legislative bodies, they have the obligation to provide the necessary funding for said mandated programs and policies; and

WHEREAS, an initiative is required to fully focus on proposed legislation which may create unfunded mandates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Wisconsin Statute section 14.019, do hereby:

1. Establish the Governor's Advisory Council on Mandates.
2. Provide that the Council shall consist of the following members:
 - a. The Secretary of the Department of Administration or his or her designee, who shall serve as chairperson;
 - b. The president of the Wisconsin Counties Association;
 - c. The executive director of the Wisconsin Counties Association;
 - d. Four County Board members appointed by the Governor for 1-year terms;
 - e. Five County Board members appointed by the Governor for 2-year terms;
 - f. The Governor's Chief of Staff or his or her designee, who shall serve as a non-voting member.
3. Direct that the Council:
 - a. Meet at the call of the Chair for the purpose of reviewing proposed legislation and legislative initiatives that fall within the category of unfunded mandates.
 - b. Advise the Governor on said legislation and initiatives on what would be best public policy for the taxpayers of the State of Wisconsin.

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4. Direct the Department of Administration to provide staff support for the Council.



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 nineteenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two.

Tommy G. Thompson

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State