

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections of the State of Wisconsin is known as one of the finest in the Nation; but

WHEREAS, the need for reform in the area of offender rehabilitation is a matter of pressing national concern; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the people of this state that this administration re-evaluate the treatment of juvenile and adult offenders; and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of every citizen of Wisconsin that convicted persons return to society as valuable and responsible members of their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby create a special, non-statutory committee as provided for under Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes to be known as the

#### STUDY COMMITTEE ON OFFENDER REHABILITATION

to operate as follows:

1. The Committee shall consist of members appointed by the Governor. The Chairman of the Committee shall have the responsibility for prescribing reasonable procedures to be followed by the Committee.
2. The Committee shall investigate the adequacy and efficiency of the present system for rehabilitating criminal offenders in the State of Wisconsin and shall make recommendations to my office concerning the improvement of the operations, procedures, organization, and programs of the state's offenders rehabilitation program and any other matter which might be germane to the improved operations of Wisconsin's correctional system.
3. In order to fully carry out its charge, the Committee or any Subcommittee thereof may hold public hearings and request all interested parties and informed parties to testify on any pertinent matter. The Committee will also have full authority to conduct independent research, investigate correctional systems in other localities, publish interim and final reports, contract for services, accept grants, and do whatever else might be required to complete its task. Budget and staff support will be coordinated by the Director of the Council on Criminal Justice, which Director may request cooperation of other state agencies as needed in support of the committee.

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 21st day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.