



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #57

Relating to Creation of a Governor's Nursing
Education Coordinating Council

WHEREAS, 1987 Wisconsin Act 341 directed the University of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin Board of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education to study jointly ways to increase educational mobility for registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, a joint University/VTAE Nursing Education Study Committee recommended the establishment of a Nursing Education Coordinating Council; and

WHEREAS, an adequate supply of registered nurses is essential to meet the health care needs of Wisconsin citizens; and

WHEREAS, a shortage of registered nurses exists in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, improved educational mobility promotes the retention and progression of registered nurses in the profession;

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:

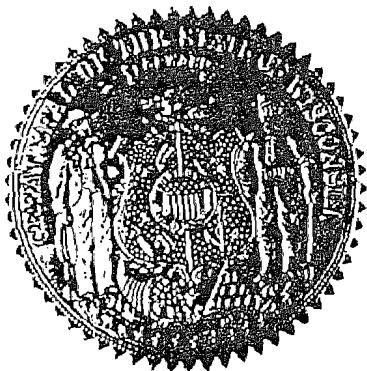
1. Establish the Governor's Nursing Education Coordinating Council;
2. Direct that the Governor's Nursing Education Coordinating Council:
 - (a) monitor the progress of VTAE technical colleges, University of Wisconsin institutions and private colleges and universities in achieving the recommendations of the UW/VTAE Nursing Education Study Committee, particularly regarding transfer of credits and the relationships between associate degree and baccalaureate nursing programs;
 - (b) establish an expanded data base on registered nurse educational mobility to assess the extent to which options for mobility are understood, available and effective;
 - (c) disseminate information on educational mobility to all Wisconsin registered nurses, especially new graduates of associate degree and diploma programs;
 - (d) report, at least annually, its activities to the Governor, the Legislature, the University of Wisconsin System Administration, the Wisconsin Board of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education and other interested parties;

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3. Provide that the Council complete its work within two years after the date of its formation;
4. Provide that the Governor's Nursing Education Coordinating Council consist of between 9 and 15 members, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor;
5. Provide that the Chairperson of the Council shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.
6. Provide that the Council shall adopt such rules concerning its operating procedures as it deems appropriate;
7. Request the University of Wisconsin and the State VTAE Board to provide staff assistance to the Council;
8. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Council with sums of money that are necessary and proper for the legitimate travel expenses of Council members under Section 20.505(3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.



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 twenty-first day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine.

Tommy G. Thompson
 TOMMY G. THOMPSON
 Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
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 Secretary of State