

Relating to Creating the Governor's Commission on Dental Care

WHEREAS, the dental care needs of the citizens of Wisconsin are a priority of the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is committed to ensuring access to dental care for all its citizens, especially those in currently unserved areas of the state, and quality opportunities for dental education;

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 Commission on Dental Care.
- 2. Provide that the members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor from among the Commission's membership.
- 3. Direct the Commission to:
 - a. Examine the current dental care status of the citizens of Wisconsin and develop a proposal to improve that status by the date of Wisconsin's sesquicentennial in 1998 and the turn of the century;
 - b. Review studies which help define the future dental care needs of the state and determine methods to guarantee access to quality dental care for all Wisconsin citizens;
 - c. Assure that review of current and future dental care needs identifies any underserved areas of the state or segments of the population and examines the state's current efforts to reach these underserved residents.
 - d. Evaluate the role of the state in providing dental education and training for its residents.
 - e. Review current and future needs for dental personnel in terms of pre-doctoral education, post-doctoral education, and dental auxiliary education.
 - f. Evaluate current and alternative systems that will guarantee that qualified Misconsin resident students have access to pre-doctoral dental education programs in the future.

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- g. Review and evaluate the state of Wisconsin's current and future relationships with the Marquette University School of Dentistry.
- h. Assess the current condition of the Marquette University School of Dentistry and make recommendations as to its future role in meeting the dental education needs of Wisconsin residents.
- Examine the debt load of Wisconsin's new dentists and dental students.
- j. Review current and future projections concerning dental auxiliary availability and training, and evaluate current state statutes that affect and limit the acceptance of the most qualified students in dental auxiliary training programs.
- Require that the commission make initial recommendations by November 1, 1992, and submit a report to the Governor by January 15, 1993.
- Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide staff support for the Commission.
- Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Commission with sums of money that are necessary and proper for the legitimate travel and operating expenses of the Commission under section 20.505(3)(a), Wis. Stats.



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 eighteenth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two.

Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State