



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #17

Creating a State Interagency Coordinating Council
Relating to Handicapped Children's Program

WHEREAS, on October 8, 1986, the President of the United States signed into law the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986 (Public Law 99-457), ("the Act"); and

WHEREAS, Title I, Part H of the Act creates a new discretionary program of early intervention services for handicapped infants and toddlers; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 99-457 provides for improved coordination of existing services; and

WHEREAS, Section 682 of Part H requires the Governor to establish a State Interagency Coordinating Council with responsibility to advise and assist the lead agency which administers the program in the performance of the lead agency's duties; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services has been designated as the lead agency; and

WHEREAS, the composition of the State Interagency Coordinating Council is defined in the Act;

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

1. Establish the State Interagency Coordinating Council ("Council") for the state of Wisconsin consisting of fifteen members.
2. Provide that the Chairman of the Council shall be selected by the Governor.
3. Direct that the Council membership include at least three parents of handicapped infants or toddlers or handicapped children aged 3 through 6 years inclusive, at least three public or private providers of early intervention services, at least one representative of the state Legislature, at least one person involved in personnel preparation, and other members representing each of the appropriate agencies involved in the provision of or payment for early intervention services to handicapped infants and toddlers and their families and others. The Governor's office shall make the final selections and respective appointments.
4. Direct other state agencies and state-sponsored organizations, with expertise in early intervention services for handicapped infants and toddlers, to cooperate with the Department of Health and Social Services in complying with the Act.

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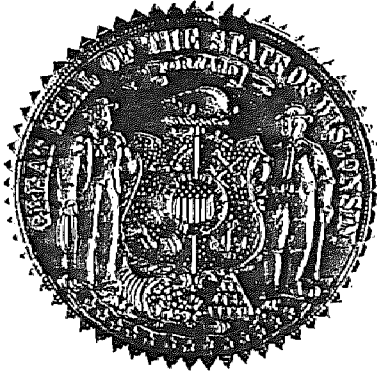
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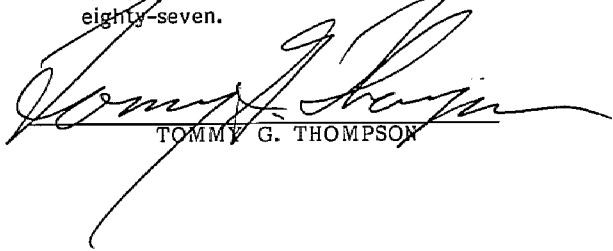


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5. Order that, until the actual appointment of the representatives from organizations and groups named above to the Council are made, the Department of Health and Social Services will act to comply with the intent of the Act and to secure funding under Part H of the Act.
6. The Council shall be attached to the Department of Health and Social Services for administrative and support purposes. Further, travel and other expenses of the Council, if any, shall be paid from grant funds received by the Department of Health and Social Services.

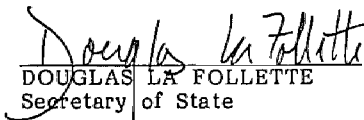


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 26th day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven.



TOMMY G. THOMPSON

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State