

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #5

WHEREAS, the Vocational, Technical and Adult Education (VTAE) system plays a vital role in the education and training of citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, the VTAE system is experiencing funding problems caused by declining property values (primarily agricultural land) and the statutory 1.5 mill levy limit on local VTAE property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the funding problem is resulting in program reductions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Establish the VTAE Study Commission to develop measures to finance the VTAE system within guidelines established by the Wisconsin Expenditure Commission and which do not involve an increase in state spending;
2. Provide that the Commission shall consist of five to nine members appointed by the Governor including representatives of the business, labor, agriculture and education sectors;
3. Appoint Mr. Carl Weigell to chair the Commission;
4. Direct the Commission to examine:
 - the role of VTAE in responding to the education, training and economic development needs of the state;
 - the coordination between, and the respective roles of, VTAE and DPI systems in providing vocational and remedial education;
 - the role of college parallel programming;
 - how Wisconsin compares with other states in the structure and governance of its VTAE system;
 - the allocation of responsibility between the VTAE state board and the local district boards for programs and management;
 - the level of tuitions to be paid by VTAE students;
 - alternatives for funding the VTAE system;
5. Direct the Commission to present to the Governor a written report of its findings and recommendations by September 1, 1987;
6. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration, pursuant to Section 20.505(3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to provide the Commission with sums of money necessary and proper for its legitimate travel and operating expenses;

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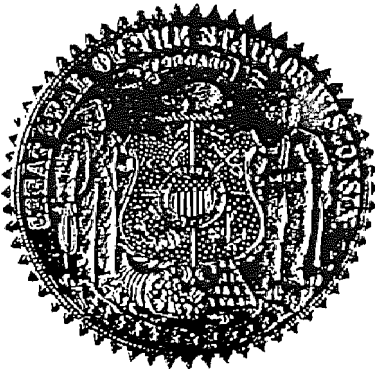
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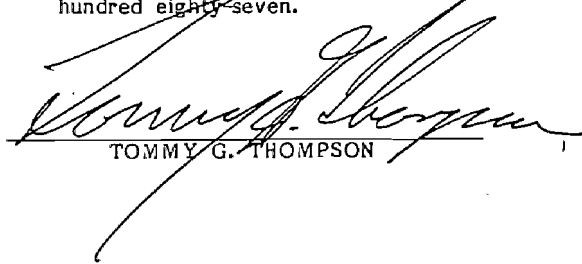


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7. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide staff resources, including outside consultants if necessary, for the functioning of the Commission.



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 25th day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred eighty seven.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State