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[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2002-2 AS AMENDED]

Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Care and Education

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Whereas, all infants are born ready to learn; and

Whereas, the majority of a child's brain development occurs in the first five years of a child's life, building the foundation for future learning and success; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth has a duty to assess every setting where our children spend their days, whether under the care of their parents, a relative, neighbor, or a center-based setting; and

Whereas, early identification of developmental delay and other risk factors is crucial to improving a child's individual linguistic, cognitive, social, and emotional development and thus, school readiness; and

Whereas, involved, informed parents, caregivers, and educators are critical to ensure the early identification of developmental delay; and

Whereas, school readiness is a critical workforce issue, with early skill building leading to greater academic achievement and graduates with the knowledge necessary to allow Pennsylvania to compete in the 21st Century economy; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Commonwealth to invest resources on research-based, cost-effective programs or models with a documented record of success.

Now, Therefore, I, Mark S. Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby establish the Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Care and Education.



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Fiscal Note: GOV 02-8. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption. Federal funds will be used to pay for the costs of this task force. This Executive Order was previously submitted as GOV 02-2.

Annex A

TITLE 4. ADMINISTRATION

PART I. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

CHAPTER 6. ADDITIONAL COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Subchapter G. GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

§ 6.63. Composition and appointments.

(a) The Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Care and Education (Task Force) consists of certain designated public officials and other individuals appointed by the Governor. The membership includes the heads of agencies of the Commonwealth that have responsibilities in the development, funding or regulation of early care and education programming, as well as various early care and education stakeholders. The Task Force consists of the following members:

- (1) The Secretary of Education.
- (2) The Secretary of Public Welfare.
- (3) The Secretary of Health.
- (4) The Physician General.
- (5) Representatives from each of the following stakeholder groups:
 - (i) Child advocacy community.
 - (ii) Business community.
 - (iii) Faith community.
 - (iv) School administrator.
 - (v) Civic, not-for-profit organization.
 - (vi) Statewide professional childcare organization.
 - (vii) Local community partnerships.
 - (viii) Public health/medical community.
 - (ix) Head Start provider.
 - (x) Child care provider.
 - (xi) Family literacy community.
 - (xii) Clinical practitioner (psychologist, psychiatrist).
 - (xiii) Family-based programs.
 - (xiv) K-3 educator.
 - (xv) Philanthropic organization.
 - (xvi) Public outreach and education professional.
- (b) The Governor will designate a member or members to serve as the Task Force Chairperson.
- (c) The Governor's Community Partnership for Safe Children, or its successor entity, shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.
- (d) The Governor will designate an individual or individuals to provide project direction and advice to the Chairperson.
- (e) A Task Force member may designate an alternate to attend Task Force meetings, if required.

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