

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2002-16

THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD ON SCHOOL READINESS

WHEREAS, Arizona believes that a quality education for all children is the foundation for a successful community and vibrant economy; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of early learning in establishing a commitment to life-long learning and a productive citizenry; and

WHEREAS, research on brain development has demonstrated clearly that the first years of life are particularly critical to a child's healthy development, readiness to enter school, read at grade level, graduate from high school and succeed; and

WHEREAS, while parents have the most influence on a child's development, such research reveals the benefit of providing a nurturing and stimulating environment to support young children's emotional and cognitive development when out of parents' care, and that participation in such high quality early care and education programs produces lasting benefits; and

WHEREAS, programs that address the early care and education of Arizona's youngest children are fragmented; lack planning; overlap in some instances and leave critical gaps in other instances; and

WHEREAS, programs providing early care and education services should be coordinated and structured to maximize efficiency, simplify and expand accessibility to quality programs, and provide the maximum return for Arizona taxpayer's investment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jane Dee Hull, Governor of Arizona do hereby establish the Arizona School Readiness Board to develop a coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective delivery system for early childhood programs in the State of Arizona:

1. The board shall:
 - a. Advise and make recommendations to the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Legislature on the most effective policy direction and methods to improve the coordination, quality, and delivery of early care and education services in the state. Recommendations shall include child care, preschool settings and family support services and programs.
 - b. Recommend, through a multi-year plan, how current functions in state government related to early care and education can most effectively and efficiently be coordinated and integrated in order to improve service delivery and quality of care, avoid duplication and fragmentation of service and enhance public and private investment.
 - c. Identify and recommend methods for measuring the quality, availability and effectiveness of early care and education programs in this state.
 - d. Identify and measure, on a regular basis, indicators of school readiness.
 - e. Track federal, state and local monies that are allocated for early care and education and for related family support services and recommend possible mechanisms for enhancement, integration and coordination of these monies.
 - f. Provide technical assistance to community efforts that promote school readiness and encourage the collaboration of community organizations to promote school readiness.
2. The Governor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Board who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
3. The Governor shall appoint a Chair of the Board who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
4. The Board shall consist of seventeen initial members as follows:
 - a. The Chair
 - b. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee
 - c. The Director of the Department of Economic Security or the Director's designee
 - d. The Director of the Department of Health Services or the Director's designee

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- e. The Director of the Governor's Division for Children
 - f. One member of the Arizona State House of Representatives with demonstrated interest and expertise in early child care and education, appointed by the Governor.
 - g. One member of the Arizona State Senate with demonstrated interest and expertise in early child care and education, appointed by the Governor.
 - h. Six public members who are appointed by the Governor and who are recognized experts in early care and education
 - i. Four public members who are appointed by the governor and who are community or business leaders
5. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve staggered terms of three years. The chair shall serve an initial term of three years. The other initial appointive members shall assign themselves by lot to terms of one, two and three years in office. The chairperson shall notify the Governor's office on appointments of these terms. The Governor may add additional members to the board at her discretion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Jane Dee Hull

Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Twenty Ninth day of August Two Thousand Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

Betsey Bayless

Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2002-17
GOVERNOR'S INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL OF ARIZONA
SUPERCEDES EXECUTIVE ORDER 90-01

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Governor's Arizona Science and Technology Council was created by Executive Order 90-01 to be a catalyst for developing state policies in science and technology; to support and stimulate technological innovation; to ensure continuity in pursuing long-term activities involving state, local and federal government agencies, and short-term targets of opportunity; and to be competitive in attracting and fostering science and technology businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct:

1. The establishment of the Governor's Innovation and Technology Council of Arizona, formerly the Arizona Science and Technology Council, in order to:
 - a. Strengthen innovation and technology infrastructure in Arizona;
 - b. Enhance university research and education in high technology fields;
 - c. Inspire cooperation between industry and university researchers;
 - d. Contribute to the creation and retention of high quality jobs in Arizona.
2. The Council shall be comprised of no fewer than 26 members.
 - a. The Director of the Arizona Department of Commerce, or designee, who shall serve as chairperson;