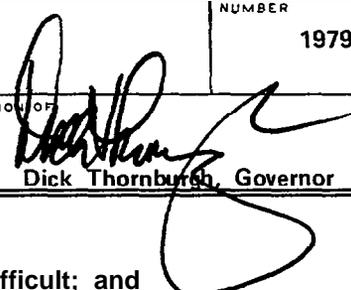


Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
EXECUTIVE ORDER

SUBJECT		Governor's Office of Policy and Planning		NUMBER	1979-13
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WHEREAS, the problems facing Pennsylvania are complex and difficult; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish within state government the capability to effectively plan for and consider consequences in ongoing decision-making; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide assistance to the Commonwealth and its officials in the development of new policies through analytical research; and

WHEREAS, research and planning functions can assist in improving management and providing balanced, integrated efforts to use state resources in promotion of the health, safety, and public welfare of the citizens of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide policy analysis and planning capability to assist decision-makers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dick Thornburgh, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby establish within the Office of the Governor an Office of Policy and Planning, whose primary duties and responsibilities shall include:

1. Preparing plans and policy recommendations for the orderly and coordinated development of the state;
2. Coordinating and facilitating planning by and among state agencies necessary for the orderly accomplishment of state plans and policies;
3. Continuously surveying and reviewing the accomplishments of state government in achieving the goals and objectives set forth in state plans and policies;
4. Consulting with other agencies in determining the feasibility of any policy, plan or program under consideration;
5. Conducting and coordinating such research as may be necessary and desirable to develop and implement effective and efficient state policies;
6. Conducting studies and analyses of the actual or potential effects, both short and long-term, of present or proposed state policies;
7. Assisting in the review of federal actions and developments affecting state plans and programs;
 - a. Serving as the central agency and clearinghouse to collect and disseminate ideas and information bearing on public policy problems;

9. Exercising such other functions as may be necessary to accomplish its duties.

The Office shall have authority to apply for, receive, administer, and use any grants or other financial assistance that the federal government and other public or private sources shall make available for the purposes of carrying out its responsibilities, and to contract with federal, state, local or other public agencies and qualified private persons or agencies.

The Governor shall appoint a Director who shall determine the staffing requirements of the Office in accordance with procedures of the Office of Budget and Administration.

Executive Order 1978-17 is hereby rescinded and all powers, duties and resources available to the Office of State Planning and Development are hereby transferred to the Office of Policy and Planning. This order shall take effect immediately.