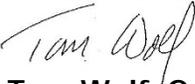


Executive Order

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Office

Subject:
Early Learning Investment Commission

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By Direction of: Tom Wolf, Governor

Date: December 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the early learning, development, and education of young children is of critical importance to Pennsylvania's families, education system, and employers; and

WHEREAS, in the last three years, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has increased its investment in early learning, development, and education programs, and has made steady progress to assure that more children receive quality early learning and development services; and

WHEREAS, the continued development of an effective sustainable system of early care and education is critical to Pennsylvania's future economic and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the input, perspective, and support of business leaders is essential to the development of a successful early childhood system; and

WHEREAS, fostering public and private sector investment in continued economic growth by addressing the needs of and challenges faced by all families with children, especially the commonwealth's low-income families with children, is essential to assure Pennsylvania's edge in the national and global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, connecting existing workforce development initiatives with early learning practices is educationally and economically beneficial for all people within Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws of the commonwealth do hereby establish the **Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission** (hereafter referred to as the "Commission") and order and direct as follows:

- 1. Purpose.** The purpose of the Commission is to secure support for public investment in early learning by focusing on practices that are educationally, economically, and scientifically sound.

- 2. Powers and Duties.** The Commission will meet at least twice a year and will have the following powers and duties:
- a. Recommend strategies for the commonwealth to engage business and civic leaders and organizations in early learning planning and advocacy at the state and local level.
 - b. Increase business, civic, and public awareness of the importance of early childhood education.
 - c. Make recommendations as to the planning, implementing, and hosting of an Annual Economic Summit on Early Childhood Investment. The Annual Economic Summit will include outreach to business, civic, educational, and governmental leaders.
 - d. Make recommendations as to the planning and implementing of an annual meeting for legislators and legislative staff to understand the economic educational and social impact of investing in quality early childhood education.
 - e. Develop and recommend updates to a multi-year plan for the expansion of effective early childhood services.
 - f. Identify private sector financial support for early learning projects throughout the commonwealth and match those funding sources with needs identified within the local community.
 - g. Facilitate the creation of sustainable funding sources and early learning projects within a permanent sustainable network of private and public-sector funding streams.
 - h. Consult or engage experts, economists, consultants, advisors or other personnel to assist with the Commission's mission, duties and responsibilities.
- 3. Composition.** The Commission will consist of the following members, who collectively will be diverse and represent the commonwealth's population:
- a. Secretary of the Budget;
 - b. Secretary of Planning and Policy;
 - c. Secretary of Community and Economic Development;
 - d. Secretary of Corrections;
 - e. Secretary of Education;
 - f. Secretary of Human Services;
 - g. Deputy Secretary of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (hereafter referred to as "OCDEL");
 - h. High-level business executives, representing the diversity of economic sectors and regions in the commonwealth appointed by the Governor; and

