

**STATE OF DELAWARE****EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DOVER**

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE COMMISSION ON CHILD SUPPORT

WHEREAS, on August 16, 1984, the Child Support Enforcement Amendments of 1984, Public Law 98-378, were signed into law by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 98-378 requires that the Governor of each State, on or before December 1, 1984, appoint a State Commission on Child Support as a condition of the State's eligibility for Federal payments under parts A or D of the Social Security Act for quarters beginning more than 30 days after August 16, 1984 and ending prior to October 1, 1985;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. A State Commission on Child Support is hereby established and appointed.

2. The Commission shall examine, investigate and study the operation of the State's child support system for the primary purpose of determining the extent to which such system has been successful in securing support and parental

involvement both for children who are eligible for aid under the State's Child Support Plan and for children who are not eligible for such aid. In fulfilling this purpose the commission shall give particular attention to such specific problems (among others) as visitation, the establishment of appropriate objective standards for support, the enforcement of interstate obligations, the availability, cost and effectiveness of services both to children who are eligible for aid under the State's Plan and to children who are not eligible, and the need for additional State or federal legislation to obtain support for all children.

3. The Commission shall comprise fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor, including a chairperson or chairpersons designated as such by the Governor. The members of the Commission shall be composed of individuals appropriately representing all aspects of the child support system, including custodial parents, the agency unit administering the State's Child Support Plan, the State judiciary, the executive and legislative branches of State government, child welfare and social services agencies, and others. Specifically, the Commission's membership shall include:

(a) One custodial and one non-custodial parent of children eligible for aid under the State's Child Support Plan;

(b) One custodial and one non-custodial parent of children not eligible for aid under the State's Plan;

(c) The Chief of the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement;  
(d) The Chief Judge of the Family Court of the State of Delaware;

(e) One State Senator and one member of the State House of Representatives;

(f) The Secretary of Services to Children, Youth and Their Families;

(g) The Secretary of Health and Social Services;


(h) Two representatives of private social service agencies; and

(i) Three additional citizens.

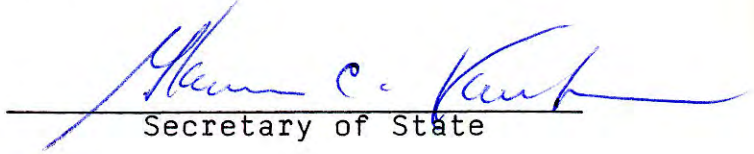
4. The Commission shall submit to the Governor and to the General Assembly, and make available to the public, not later than October 1, 1985, a full and complete report of its findings and recommendations resulting from its examination, investigation and study of the operation of the State's child support system.



APPROVED this 30th day of  
November, 1984

  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State