

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER TWENTY-THREE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE
ON OVERLAPPING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Executive Department is charged with the responsibility for maximizing the quality and minimizing the cost of government services to the people of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, despite its small size and population, numerous political subdivisions of the State are now providing the same or similar services as the State or other political subdivisions without due regard for the duplicative expenses and inefficiencies of the resultant overlap; and

WHEREAS, the escalation in the cost of providing governmental services at all levels, and the resultant strain on the limited tax base in Delaware require that there be a fundamental inquiry into the method, manner and cost of the delivery of governmental services to the people of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, a study of the Delaware Tomorrow Commission concluded that the objectives of all levels of government in Delaware "... must be to deliver the essential service in the most efficient manner from the point of view of quality of service and minimization of cost"; and

WHEREAS, it is the collective judgment of the Chief Executive Officers of the State and the various political subdivisions of Delaware, that the task of bringing about the necessary reforms in the delivery of services proceed immediately.

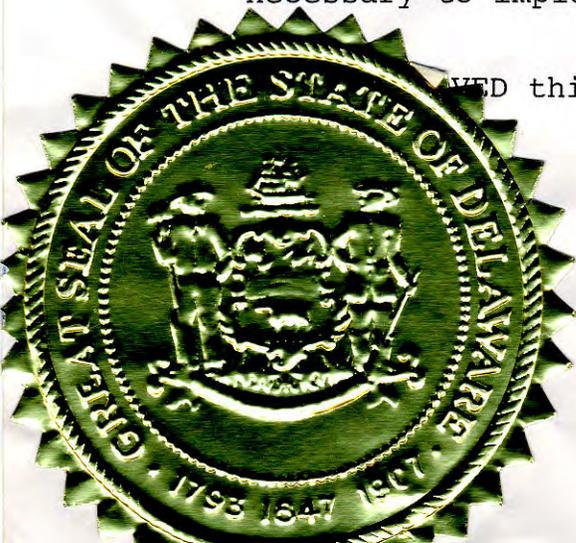
NOW THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. DU PONT, IV, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

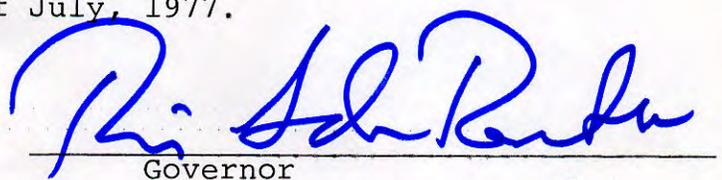
1. There is hereby established the Intergovernmental Task Force on Overlapping Services.
2. The Task Force shall have a 13 member Executive Committee inclusive of its co-chairpersons, neither of whom shall be of the same political party. At least three of the members shall be employed by the State, New Castle County, and the City of Wilmington, respectively, and shall serve ex officio as the representatives of the Chief Executive Officer of each. The remaining members shall, in addition to representing a reasonable cross section of the political and geographic composition of the State, possess knowledge and expertise in public administration, the structure and interrelationships of the governments of the State and its subdivisions, public finance and/or the delivery of government services.
3. It shall be the fundamental charge of the Task Force to review and examine in comprehensive fashion the delivery of services, exclusive of educational services, by each and every level of government, including those public institutions supported in whole or in large measure by the Delaware taxpayer, for the purpose of determining, as to each such service, whether its method and manner of delivery, and the levels at which it is delivered, are most cost effective, both individually and as a function of the total demand for governmental services upon the quality of life in Delaware, and upon the limited fiscal resources available to fund such services.
4. In order to more effectively perform its mission, the Task Force shall have, by way of example and not limitation, the following powers:

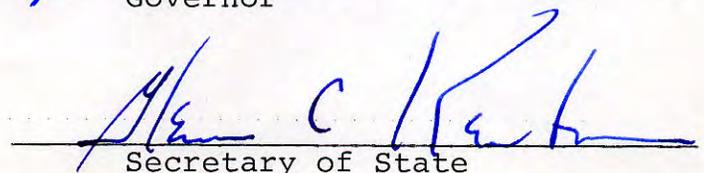
- (a) to establish under its jurisdiction a working task force of not more than 15 members, who shall assist the Executive Committee herein established in the conduct of its study and in the preparation of its report;
- (b) to solicit, collect, hold and expend donations, appropriations and/or grants-in-aid in its own name;
- (c) to retain such employees and consultants as its resources shall permit;
- (d) to examine such books and records of the Executive Department of the State, and consult with the officers and employees of such agencies as may be necessary. To that end, the officers and employees of the Executive Department are directed, and the officers and employees of the various political subdivisions are requested, to cooperate fully with any lawful request for information as the Task Force, its agents or employees, may from time to time make;
- (e) to adopt such rules and regulations for its governance and operation as by majority vote of the membership of the Executive Committee are determined to be necessary and proper;
- (f) to establish such subcommittees or division of responsibilities as the Executive Committee believes to be necessary and proper in conducting its affairs.

5. The Executive Committee shall prepare and submit its report to the Governor, the County Executive of New Castle County, and the Mayor of Wilmington, not later than March 1, 1978. Wherever possible, such report shall include a draft of appropriate statutes or ordinances which the Executive Committee deems to be necessary to implement its recommendations.

PASSED this ^{19th} day of July, 1977.




Governor


Secretary of State