

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY-FOUR

TO:

HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE:

ABOLISHMENT OF THE DIVISION OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND RECISION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS NO. 63 AND 67

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 63 was duly signed by Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt on November 27, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 67 was duly signed by Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt on January 27, 1975; and

WHEREAS these two Executive Orders established the Division of Services to Children and Youth within the Department of Health and Social Services and established a nine-member Council to assist the Director of that Division; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Services to Children and Youth was created to assess, plan, coordinate, develop and stimulate services to children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments, after a study of the Department of Health and Social Services, has recommended that the Division of Services to Children and Youth be abolished; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Executive Department to vest the responsibilities of the Division of Services to Children and Youth in the Division of Social Services in the Department of Health and Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the advisory council established by Executive Orders 61 and 63 has been superseded by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group established by Executive Order Number 91, duly signed by Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt on December 17, 1975; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 29, <u>Delaware Code</u>, Section 7903(7), "The Secretary may:

...(7) Establish, consolidate, abolish, transfer or combine the powers, duties and functions of the divisions, subdivisions and offices within the Department as the Secretary, with the written approval of the Governor, may deem necessary, providing that all powers, duties and functions required by law shall be provided for an maintained..."; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services has concluded that the Division of Services to Children and Youth should be abolished and its functions assigned to the Division of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that this action be officially noted and formally recognized by Executive Order.

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

- 1. The Division of Services to Children and Youth in the Department of Health and Social Services is abolished effective November 30, 1977.
- 2. The powers, duties and functions of the Division of Services to Children and Youth shall be transferred to and vested in the Division of Social Services within the Department of Health and Social Services.
- 3. The Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, established by Executive Order Number 91, signed by Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt and dated December 17, 1975, shall consult with and coordinate its activities with the Division of Social Services within the Department of Health and Social Services.

4. Executive Orders Number 63 and 67, signed by Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt, dated November 27, 1974 and January 27, 1975, are hereby rescinded in their entirety.

APPROVED this day of November, 1977



ATTEST:

Secretary of State

Secretary of Health and Social Services