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Roy Romer
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

APPOINTING THE LEAD AGENCY UNDER THE FEDERAL EDUCATION OF THE HANDICAPPED ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1986

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986, (the "1986 Amendments") which establish a new Early Intervention State Grant program for infants and toddlers from birth through age two:

WHEREAS, the 1986 Amendments require the Governor to designate a single lead agency to carry out the Early Intervention program, and give him full discretion in making that designation;

WHEREAS, the lead agency is responsible for:

- 1) The general administration, supervision, and monitoring of programs and activities;
- 2) The identification and coordination of all available federal, state, local and private resources;
- 3) The assignment of financial responsibility to the appropriate agency;
- 4) The development of procedures to ensure that services are provided to handicapped infants and toddlers and their families in a timely manner pending the resolution of any disputes among public agencies or service providers;
- 5) The resolution of intra-and interagency disputes;
- 6) The entry into formal interagency agreements that define the financial responsibility of each agency for paying for early intervention services and procedures for resolving disputes and that include all additional components necessary to ensure meaningful cooperation and coordination;

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Education has the requisite experience and qualifications to be the lead agency;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT the Colorado Department of Education shall be the lead agency under the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986, and is hereby required to assume the aforementioned responsibilities and any other responsibilities required by law. This Executive Order will remain in effect until rescinded by a subsequent executive order.

Given under my hand and the executive seal of the State of Colorado, this 20th day of April, 1987




Roy Romer
Governor

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