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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**No. 2018 - 5**

**CREATION OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that each principal department shall be under the supervision of the Governor, unless otherwise provided by the constitution; and

WHEREAS, a safe school environment is paramount to the health and well-being of Michigan's students and school personnel; and

WHEREAS, residents expect state and local government to provide safe and effective tools for increased safety, crisis training, collaborative support, and timely response in schools; and

WHEREAS, outdated school building infrastructure represents potential vulnerabilities to the safety of students and school personnel; and

WHEREAS, policy-makers, school administrators, law enforcement, students and parents continue to search for solutions to the problem of violence in schools; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the state of Michigan develop comprehensive, coordinated and effective recommendations for school safety to guide our understanding and prevention of violence in school settings; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations must be effective and collaborative at the local and state level to provide the preventative and responsive measures our schools need today and into the future for a safe and secure environment; and

WHEREAS, an ongoing and full assessment of the safety of Michigan's school infrastructure and policies is needed; and

WHEREAS, Michigan should look to experts and leaders from across the state who are committed to the safety of Michigan's children and school personnel to identify current practices and future needs; and

WHEREAS, input from discussions and meetings with students, parents, teachers, counselors, administrators, school safety personnel, law enforcement officials, mental health professionals, security specialists, and other related stakeholders will be critical to this process; and

WHEREAS, the School Safety Task Force will research, assess and advise in matters relating to the assessment and development recommendations to keep our schools safe and will be responsible for providing recommendations no later than November 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, we must act now to ensure our system of schools, their structures, emergency, behavioral health, and safety policies are focused on student and personnel protection and well-being for the good of all residents and the vitality of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

**I. CREATION OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE**

A. The School Safety Task Force (the "Task Force") is created as an advisory body within the Department of State Police.

B. The Governor shall appoint six (6) members to the Task Force, serving at the pleasure of the Governor as follows:

- One (1) member representing law enforcement;
- One (1) member representing behavioral and mental health;
- One (1) member representing teachers;
- One (1) member representing school administrators;
- One (1) member who is a parent; and
- One (1) member who is a high school student or recent high school graduate.

C. The Governor shall additionally appoint four (4) members to the Task Force as follows:

- One (1) member submitted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- One (1) member submitted by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- One (1) member submitted by the Senate Majority Leader; and
- One (1) member submitted by the Senate Minority Leader.

D. In addition, the following three (3) department heads or their designees from within their respective departments or agencies shall be members:

- The Director of the Department of State Police who shall serve as chairperson of the Task Force;
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

- The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

E. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

F. The Task Force shall include individuals with a particular interest or expertise in education, public health, law enforcement, or emergency response.

## **II. CHARGE TO THE TASK FORCE**

A. The Task Force shall act in an advisory capacity to the Governor, the Department of State Police, and the state of Michigan and shall do all of the following:

1. Analyze top performing states to determine how their law enforcement, school officials, and public health experts collaborate on providing preventative policies and services to create safe and secure learning environments for schools.

2. Based on this analysis of top performing states, identify the structural and policy recommendations for collaboration, planning, and regular assessment of school infrastructure and safety policies, including distinct geographic and demographic variances where appropriate.

3. Review and update Michigan's All-Hazards Emergency Operations Planning Guidance for Schools to account for lessons learned from recent violent incidents and best practices and create a comprehensive School Safety Plan to include behavioral health components.

4. Identify components for the creation of a positive recognition program for best practices in school safety to include assessment and auditing functions for school buildings. This program should include, at a minimum, recommendations for comprehensive school safety policies, the identification of a behavioral health assessment person or team of people, a mechanism for students to anonymously report suspicious behavior, and other policy components a safe school should have in place that include both the response to an emergency and the prevention of such emergencies, as well as recommendations for basic physical safety structures in school buildings, taking into account local funding mechanisms, and a structure for regular assessments of school buildings, plans, policies, and procedures for recognition.

5. Advise on the role of behavioral and mental health assessments in school safety plans and procedures, review and advise on the implementation of the Pathways to Potential program and other similar programs and provide recommendations on increasing the role and collaboration between school violence prevention and behavioral health in schools. Also advise on recommended methods and alternatives to current student disciplinary actions such as school expulsion or judicial intervention.

6. Develop a tiered school safety curriculum standard for those individuals acting in a School Resource Officer or similar role at any Michigan school. The curriculum should include a tiered approach for different levels of School Resource Officers serving in varying capacities, such as those that serve on a part-time basis, full-time basis, or those that carry weapons. Identify potential sources of training, including MCOLES, vocational schools or community colleges, as well as mechanisms for ongoing training, consistency and quality control, and length of certification.
7. Develop methods to incentivize and encourage joint evaluation and planning of school safety needs between law enforcement, school administrators, local public health, and other impacted stakeholders. In addition, identify mechanisms for state and local cooperation and collaboration to share best practices on planning, evaluations, and improvements for longer term planning with higher education institutions and state departments.
8. Provide other information or advice as directed by the Governor.
9. No later than November 30, 2018, complete its work and issue a final report to the Governor and legislature.
10. Recommendations that are finalized prior to November 30, 2018, are encouraged to be issued as they are completed.
11. Forty-five (45) days after issuance and submission of its final report, the Task Force shall be deemed to have completed its charges and is abolished.

### **III. OPERATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE**

A. The Task Force shall be staffed by personnel from and assisted by state departments and agencies as directed by the Governor's Office.

B. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairperson at a minimum of twice per month and as may be provided in procedures adopted by the Task Force. Meetings of the Task Force may be held anywhere within the state of Michigan.

C. The Task Force may establish workgroups or committees assigning Task Force members to and inviting public participation on these workgroups or committees as the Task Force deems necessary.

D. The Task Force shall adopt procedures consistent with Michigan law and this Order governing its organization and operations.

E. The Task Force shall conduct its business at public meetings in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. However, members of the Task Force may attend and participate in a meeting of the Task Force by the use of telecommunication or other electronic equipment if their attendance and participation by the use of telecommunication or other electronic equipment is authorized by the procedures of

the Task Force and that meeting is otherwise conducted in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

F. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the Task Force in the performance of an official function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

G. The Task Force may, as appropriate, make inquiries, studies, hold hearings, and receive comments from the public. The Task Force may consult with outside experts to perform its duties, including, but not limited to, experts in the private sector, government agencies, and the nonprofit sector.

H. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses according to relevant statutes and the rules and procedures of the Michigan Civil Service Commission and the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, subject to available funding.

I. In accordance with applicable state contracting and procurement procedures, the Task Force may make or enter into contracts necessary or incidental to the exercise of the powers of the Task Force and the performance of its duties, including the hiring or retention of contractors, consultants, or agents, as the Chairperson deems advisable and necessary.

J. The Task Force may accept donations of labor, services, or other things of value from any public or private agency or person. Any donations shall be expended in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and procedures.

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

A. All departments, committees, commissioners, or officers of this state or of any political subdivision of this state may give to the Task Force, or to any member or representative of the Task Force, any necessary assistance required by the Task Force or any member or representative of the Task Force, in the performance of the duties of the Task Force so far as is compatible with its, his, or her duties.

B. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to diminish the constitutional authority of the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 3 of Article VIII of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, to provide leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees; to serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education; and to advise the Legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

C. Any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against, or before any entity affected under this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order.

D. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to change the organization of the executive branch of state government or the assignment of functions among its units in a manner requiring the force of law.

E. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order.

This Executive Order shall become effective upon filing.

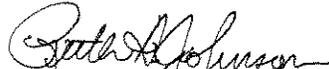
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.



RICHARD D. SNYDER  
GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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ON 4/16/18 AT 10:40 A.M.