

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CHARLESTON

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11-03

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the globalization of markets, knowledge, and finance is creating unprecedented economic, trade, educational, and political opportunities and challenges for West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia has shared in that globalization by exporting \$2.2 billion in foreign trade in 2001, and

WHEREAS, foreign investments in West Virginia have created approximately 30,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, globalization has led to the integration of cultures, ideas and communications and has increased the overall production and exchange of goods and services worldwide; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia has participated in that integration as host to more than 2,100 foreign students and their families during the 2001-2002 academic year, resulting in a net contribution of \$34.4 million to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, despite this integration, less than 1.1% of the citizenry of West Virginia is foreign-born, and less than 3% of its population bilingual; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 30% of West Virginia high school students enrolled in a foreign language course during the 2001-2002 academic year; and

WHEREAS, to remain competitive in the global marketplace West Virginia must continue to prepare its students and educators to meet the growing demands of business, government, and society for a workforce and citizenry capable of living and working effectively in a global environment; and

WHEREAS, to meet this competitive challenge, West Virginia's educational community must foster opportunities that enable its students, educators, business community and citizens to attain awareness and understanding of this global environment through increased education in foreign languages, cultures, and issues.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BOB WISE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that:

1. The West Virginia Commission on International Education is hereby created.
2. The Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and composed of not less than twelve members, who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. The Governor, at his discretion, may appoint additional members to the Commission.

3. Serving as members of the Commission shall be
 - a. The Secretary of the Department of Education and the Arts, *ex officio*, or his or her designee;
 - b. The State Superintendent of Schools, *ex officio*, or his or her designee;
 - c. The Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission, *ex officio*, or his or her designee;
 - d. The Director of the International Division of the Development Office;
 - e. The Foreign Languages Coordinator of the Department of Education;
 - f. The Executive Director of the West Virginia International School;
 - g. Two faculty members of West Virginia higher education institutions with international expertise and experience;
 - h. Two faculty members of West Virginia K-12 schools, one from grades K-8, one from grades 9-12, with international expertise and experience; and
 - i. Two private sector business representatives with international expertise and experience.

4. The Secretary of the Department of Education and the Arts shall serve as the Chair of the Commission.

5. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Department of Education and the Arts for necessary expenses incurred during official Commission business.

6. The Commission shall:
 - a. Compile a comprehensive inventory of West Virginia's international education resources at all grade levels;

- b. Develop a strategic plan for how these resources can be used most effectively to increase awareness of foreign languages, cultures, and issues among West Virginia students, educators, businesspeople, and citizens; and
 - c. Deliver a public report on its findings and policy recommendations for promoting international education in West Virginia.
7. The Commission shall meet at least three times prior to the release of its final report, and may hold additional meetings following the release of the report. The location of all Commission meetings shall be distributed across the State to allow for greater geographical access and participation.
8. The Commission may consult with outside experts and receive testimony from the public during its regularly scheduled meetings.
9. The Commission shall release its final public report no later than November 21, 2003. This report shall be shared with the Governor, both Houses of the Legislature, the State Board of Education, and the Higher Education Policy Commission.
10. The West Virginia Commission on International Education shall be dissolved on or before May 31, 2004, unless extended by further Order of the Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Three, and in the One Hundred Fortieth year of the State.



By the Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Wise".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Sanchez III".

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