



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On May 12, 2004, SB 456 was signed into law creating the Department of Early Care and Learning as successor to the Office of School Readiness; and,

WHEREAS: SB 456 transferred from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Early Care and Learning functions related to the licensing, commissioning, registration, and inspection of day care centers, family day care homes, group day care homes, and other functions as agreed upon in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-8; and,

WHEREAS: SB 456 transferred from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Early Care and Learning functions related to the Georgia Child Care Council.

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That as of October 1, 2004, the Board, Commissioner, and Department of Early Care and Learning shall have full regulatory and substantive responsibility and authority for the functions transferred to them by Act No. 565, 2004 Ga. Laws pp. 645 et seq., including specifically but without limitation the primary responsibility and powers transferred under Code sections 49-5, 20-1A, 25-2-13, 42-1-12, and 48-7-40.6. That \$2,109,257 in state funds and all applicable federal funds within the Department of Human Resources as well as 87 positions, and associated equipment and supplies in the Department of Human Resources be transferred to the Department of Early Care and Learning, effective October 1, 2004. The Department of Early Care and Learning shall create any budget programs and subprograms deemed appropriate as a result of this transfer. Subsequent budget amendments will account for any and all remaining federal funds due the Department of Early Care and Learning.

That the Commissioner of the Department of Early Care and Learning in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources shall stipulate and annex to their copies of this Order: the names and transfer dates of each employee transferring to the Department of Early Care and Learning with the positions designated above; the inventory of transferred equipment; the identification, assignment, and assumption of contracts relating to the transferred functions; their agreements for the equitable allocation, reimbursement, or other arrangement for less distinct matters, such as supplies and telecommunications; their stipulation that the Department of Early Care and Learning has fully assumed all or specific administrative functions, and any other protocols or stipulations as may be necessary to the full or interim implementation of Act No. 565, as such stipulations are made, after October 1, 2004.

That the Department may use, wherever necessary and appropriate existing forms, tools, and other documents previously used by the Department of Human Resources. Any previously prepared license, permit, or other documentation bearing the proper authorization of the Department of Human Resources shall be deemed to bear the signature or authorization of the Commissioner of the Department of Early Care and Learning and to be promulgated under their authority. Such rights, responsibilities, licenses issued, procedures, and orders shall remain in effect until amended, repealed, suspended, or nullified by the Department of Early Care and Learning.

That the Department of Early Care and Learning shall be hereafter known as Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. All correspondence from the Department shall bear this name.

THIS 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004


GOVERNOR