

*State of New Hampshire*  
*By Her Excellency*  
*Jeanne Shaheen, Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2000-2**  
**An order establishing**  
**A Commission to Analyze the Economic Impacts**  
**of Various School Funding Revenue Options**

**WHEREAS**, the New Hampshire Supreme Court's Claremont II decision requires the State to provide no less than an adequate education to all public school students in New Hampshire and that any taxes used to fund that mandate be proportional and reasonable pursuant to Part H, Article 5 of the New Hampshire Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has set the initial cost of funding an adequate education at \$825 million annually; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that the State meet its Claremont H school funding obligation in a way that will both maintain the strength of the New Hampshire economy and promote excellence in our state's education system; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that our tax system enable New Hampshire to compete in the new and increasingly global economy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEANNE SHAHEEN**, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

1. A Commission is hereby established for the purpose of analyzing the economic impacts of various school funding revenue options.
2. In undertaking its analysis, the Commission shall analyze various school funding revenue options and determine with respect to each revenue option the following:
  - To what extent will the revenue option impact the New Hampshire economy as a whole?
  - To what extent will the revenue option impact particular sectors of the New Hampshire economy, property values, and taxpayers?
  - Can the option provide a stable, sufficient and administratively efficient source of revenue for the foreseeable future?
  - Does the revenue option enable local communities to lower property taxes?
  - Are there any changes to other state laws and/or state taxes that would mitigate the economic impact of the revenue option?

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3. The Governor shall appoint members to the Commission who are leaders in the fields of business and economics and who can provide an objective analysis of various revenue options.
4. In undertaking its analysis, the Commission shall seek the input of economists, New Hampshire businesses, and New Hampshire citizens across the state.
5. The Commissioner of Revenue Administration shall cooperate with the Commission in its work.
6. The Commission shall report its findings to the Governor no later than January 1, 2001.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year two thousand.

  
Governor of New Hampshire