

**EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER (EXCERPT)**  
**E.R.O. No. 2000-3**

**18.311 Transfer of powers and duties of commission on Spanish-speaking affairs, office of Spanish-speaking affairs, and interagency council on Spanish-speaking affairs to director of the department of career development.**

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs ("Commission"), the Office of Spanish-Speaking Affairs ("Office"), and the Interagency Council on Spanish-Speaking Affairs ("Council") were created by Act No. 164 of the Public Acts of 1975, being Sections 18.301 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, Office and Council are currently located within the Department of Civil Rights pursuant to Executive Order 1991-29; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's Spanish-Speaking community has made many significant contributions to our state's culture and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is dedicated to doing all it can to enable Michigan's Spanish-Speaking community to realize its full potential in our dynamic, rapidly expanding economy; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Career Development was established by Executive Order 1999-1 in order to develop a system that provides Michigan's workforce with the required skills to maintain and enhance Michigan's economy; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the interests of efficient administration and effectiveness of government to effect changes in the organization of the Executive Branch of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the state of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963 and the laws of the state of Michigan, do hereby order the following:

1. All the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs and the Office of Spanish-Speaking Affairs set forth in Act No. 164 of the Public Acts of 1975, being Section 18.301 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are hereby transferred to the Director of the Department of Career Development by a Type I transfer, as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

2. All the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Interagency Council on Spanish-Speaking Affairs set forth in Act No. 164 of the Public Acts of 1975, being Section 18.301 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are hereby transferred to the Director of the Department of Career Development by a Type III transfer, as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

3. The Director of the Department of Career Development shall provide executive direction and supervision for the implementation of the transfers. The assigned functions of the Interagency Council on Spanish-Speaking Affairs shall be administered by the Director of the Department of Career Development.

4. The Chairperson of the Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs and the Director of the Department of Career Development shall immediately initiate coordination to facilitate the transfer and develop a memorandum of record identifying any pending settlements, issues of compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, or other obligations to be resolved by the Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs and the Office of Spanish-Speaking Affairs.

5. The Director of the Department of Career Development shall make internal organizational changes as may be administratively necessary to complete the realignment of the responsibilities prescribed by this Order.

6. The State Budget Director shall determine and authorize the most efficient manner possible for handling financial transactions and records in the state's financial management system for the remainder of the year.

7. All records, personnel, property and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations and other funds used, held, employed, available or to be made available to the Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs, the Office of Spanish-Speaking Affairs and the Interagency Council on Spanish-Speaking Affairs for the activities, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities transferred by this Order are hereby transferred to the Director of the Department of Career Development.

8. All rules, orders, contracts and agreements related to the assigned functions that were lawfully adopted prior to the effective date of this Order shall continue to be effective until revised, amended or repealed.

9. Any suit, action or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against or before any entity affected by

this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order. Any suit, action or other proceeding may be maintained by, against or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

In fulfillment of the requirements of Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963, the provisions of this Executive Order shall become effective sixty (60) days after filing.

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**Compiler's note:** For restoration of the interagency council on Spanish-speaking affairs, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.