

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 24

**AN ORDER TRANSFERRING THE GOVERNOR'S BOOKS FROM BIRTH FUND  
AND ITS RELATED FUNCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that in the interest of economy, efficiency and better coordination of the functions of state government that the functions related to the Governor's Books from Birth Fund in the Department of Education should be transferred to the Department of General Services; and

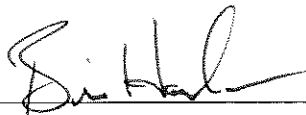
**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Books from Birth Fund in the Department of Education was created and established in Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 4-52-101 and 4-3-801; and the Department of General Services was created and established in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-3-1101.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-4-102 and Section 4-4-117 do hereby direct the following:

1. That the functions related to the Governor's Books from Birth Fund in the Department of Education be and are hereby transferred to the Department of General Services effective November 19, 2012, and that from and after November 19, 2012, all functions related to the Governor's Books from Birth Fund, as established in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 52, Part 101, shall be administered by and shall be under the control of the Commissioner of the Department of General Services.
2. That from and after November 19, 2012, the Commissioner of the Department of General Services shall perform all such duties and shall have the same authority and responsibility with regard to the Governor's Books from Birth Fund as the Commissioner has with other divisions of the Department of General Services. The Commissioner of the Department of General Services shall also perform all duties related to, and shall have responsibility for, the Governor's Books from Birth Fund and the administration of all statutory functions transferred under the provisions of this Executive Order as well as any rules and regulations, orders and policies developed hereunder.
3. That all personal property, equipment and other materials made available to the Governor's Books from Birth Fund in the Department of Education shall be transferred to the custody and control of the Department of General Services.

4. That in accordance with the schedule for transferring jurisdiction and control, the 2012-2013 fiscal year appropriations to the Department of Education for the management and operation of the Governor's Books from Birth Fund and for the administration of those statutory and regulatory functions transferred under the provisions of Section 1 of this Executive Order shall be transferred to the Department of General Services. The Department of Finance and Administration shall revise the budgets of both Departments to reflect this Executive Order.
5. That on or after November 19, 2012, the Department of General Services, through its Commissioner, shall have the authority to receive, administer and supervise any and all grants and funds from whatever sources, including, but not limited to, federal, state, county and municipal governments, with respect to the Governor's Books from Birth Fund or its functions.
6. That all contracts or leases entered into prior to November 19, 2012, by the Department of Education or the Governor's Books from Birth Fund with respect to any program or function transferred herein with any entity, corporation, agency, enterprise or person shall continue in full force and effect as to all essential provisions in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts in existence on November 19, 2012, to the same extent as if such contracts had originally been entered into by and between such entity, corporation, agency, enterprise or person and the Department of General Services, unless and until such contracts or leases are amended or modified by the parties thereto.
7. That all current rules, regulations, orders, decisions and policies heretofore issued or promulgated by the Department of Education or the Governor's Books from Birth Fund pursuant to the provisions of those statutes specifying functions transferred under the provisions of this Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect and shall hereafter be administered and enforced by the Department of General Services. To this end, the Department of General Services, through its Commissioner, shall have the authority, consistent with the statutes and regulations pertaining to the programs and functions transferred herein, to modify or rescind orders, rules and regulations, decisions or policies heretofore issued and to adopt, issue or promulgate new orders, rules and regulations, decisions or policies as may be necessary for the administration of the programs or functions herein transferred.
8. That it is my intent to transfer all statutory and related functions to the Department of General Services that may be necessary for implementation and continued administration of the Governor's Books from Birth Fund.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

