WHEREAS, our State institutions of medical and allied healthcare education are important assets to New Jersey the nationwide medical and healthcare community; and

WHEREAS, these institutions of medical and allied healthcare education appear to be operating independently o one another and at variable levels of quality and competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive analysis of these institutions of medical and allied healthcare education is necessar order to evaluate their current status and to formulate appropriate recommendations to enhance the quality of education, to increase their overall competitiveness as institutions of healthcare learning and to foster healthy syne amongst these institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. McGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the statutes of this State, do hereby Order and Direct:

1. There is hereby established the Commission on Health Science, Education, and Training, hereinafter refer to as the Commission.

2. The Commission shall consist of up to fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor, including the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services. The members of the Commission shall be selected from am representatives of the medical and allied healthcare industry; medical and allied healthcare educational institutions located both within this State and beyond; and persons familiar with the these institutions as the relate directly to State Government. The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Commission.

3. It shall be the charge and duty of the Commission to accomplish the following:

   a. Identify specific gaps and requirements necessary to enhance the overall quality and competitiveness health education in the State of New Jersey including, but not limited to, health research, basic sci and clinical education, and healthcare professional training; and

   b. Review the existing nationally recognized medical and allied healthcare models and work to design framework to help guide the relationship between the medical and allied healthcare educational
institutions, hospitals, and healthcare agencies within the State of New Jersey; and

c. Determine the appropriate governance structure of the State institutions of medical and allied health education; and

d. Determine any prospective institutional alliances and/or relationships between these schools.

4. The Commission shall report directly to the Governor, outlining specific recommendations that address the charge and duty stated above with respect to the quality of medical and allied healthcare education within State of New Jersey.

5. The Commission is authorized to call upon any department, office or agency of State Government to provide such information, resources or other assistance deemed necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order. Each department, office, division and agency of this State is hereby required to cooperate with the Commission and to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance as is necessary to accomplish purposes of this Order.

6. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, except that they may receive per diem and travel expenses.

7. This order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 6th day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Two, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Sixth.

/s/ JAMES E. McGREEVEY
Governor

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Attest:

/s/ PAUL A. LEVINSON