

Executive Order No. 02-98

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**Education Matters: Provision of education and related services for eligible children with disabilities pursuant to P.L. 8-21**

**Purpose:** Public Law 8-21 mandates the provision of education and related services for eligible children with disabilities, aged 0-21, within the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The purpose of this executive order is to insure that all eligible children with disabilities within Yap State, aged 0-21, have available a free and appropriate public education consistent with the provisions for Public Law 8-21 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as amended.

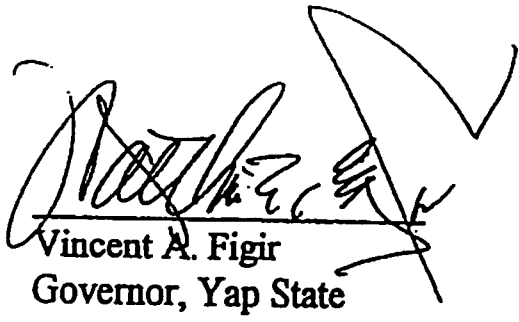
**Background Information:** The FSM receives funding from the U.S. Department of Education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to assist in providing special education programs for eligible children with disabilities. Yap state receives funding under this program, entitled the Special Education Programs for Pacific Island Entities (SEPIE). To remain eligible for funding, the State of Yap must have a public policy affirming the right of children with disabilities to a free and appropriate public education.

The State Department of Education has established as a priority, the implementation of inclusive education programs that promote the inclusion of children with disabilities within all education programs. It is the intent of public education to provide education programs for ALL children.

**Justification:** It is in the interest of the people of Yap to insure that education programs are available for all children regardless of ability. Our education programs must provide a variety of learning opportunities designed to meet the needs of all children and the community. This public policy commitment will insure a priority for improving and expanding education opportunities for eligible children with disabilities and will insure that Yap State continues to be eligible for funding under the SEPIE program.

**Enforcement:** The State Department of Education is hereby charged with the responsibility to enforce this executive order to ensure full compliance herewith.

**Effective Date:** This executive order takes effect as of the date hereof.



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Governor, Yap State

July 30, 1998  
Date Signed