

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**At CHARLESTON**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8-22**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, the number of child, youth, and adult protective services workers available to investigate reports of abuse and neglect, to find appropriate placement settings when needed, and to provide other vital services to these vulnerable populations is less than what is recommended to adequately provide for such populations in this State; and

**WHEREAS**, without sufficient child, youth, and adult protective services in each region of this State, there may be unsafe conditions that are not appropriately or timely remedied; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health and Human Resources and the Consolidated Public Retirement Board have identified a measure to help provide the needed workforce, by allowing certain individuals employed by the Department of Health and Human Resources to be eligible to continue in or return to their positions without suspension of their retirement annuity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, by the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that:

1. A State of Emergency exists in West Virginia as it pertains to the staffing level of child, youth, and adult protective services workers at the Bureau for Social Services, under the Department of Health and Human Resources; and
2. In the discretion of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board, consistent with the intent of this Order, who shall issue additional guidance, only with respect to temporary employees of the West Virginia Department of Health

and Human Resources, the requirement that retirees of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources who render post-retirement employment may not receive annual compensation in excess of \$20,000 without suspending such person's retirement annuity (W. Va. Code § 5-10-48(c)) be suspended; and

3. The Department of Health and Human Resources shall seek to identify further measures to help hire the needed workforce of child, youth, and adult protective services workers and any other related critical need workers and shall report any such measures to the Office of the Governor as soon as they may be identified.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



**DONE** at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Fourteenth Day of December, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth Year of the State

  
**GOVERNOR**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**