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GOVERNOR GUINN TO BE NAMED CHAIRMAN  
OF NATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

DENVER - Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn will be named chairman of the Education Commission of the States (ECS) for 2001-02 during ECS' national conference in Philadelphia on Saturday, July 21. ECS is a national organization dedicated to helping state governments improve education.

"To a great extent, the success of any state can be strongly linked to the quality of its education system, so I'm very proud to accept the chairmanship of the Education Commission of the States," Governor Guinn said. "I plan to work hard to assist state legislatures throughout the country on education issues."

Guinn will take over the chairmanship from New Hampshire Governor Jeanne Shaheen. Under ECS guidelines, governors serve one-year terms as chairman. Ted Sanders, ECS president, said Guinn was chosen for his leadership on education issues as Nevada's governor and for his background in education prior to being elected.

"With his experience in the field of education, his commitment to education through programs like the Millennium Scholarship, and his proposal to have every Nevada child able to read by the end of 3rd grade, Governor Guinn will make an extremely effective chairman," said Sanders.

Guinn will officially accept the chairmanship during The National Forum on Education Policy, ECS' annual conference, which attracts more than 600 governors, legislators and state education policymakers.

Registration for The National Forum on  
Education Policy is on-site only. Please  
visit the ECS Web site at  
<http://www.ecs.org/ecs/NationalForum2001>  
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is a national, nonprofit organization that helps  
governors, legislators, state education officials  
and others identify, develop and implement public  
policies to improve student learning at all levels.  
A nonpartisan organization, ECS was formed in 1965  
and is located in Denver, Colorado.