WHEREAS, the children and youth of Texas are one of our greatest resources and upon which the future of this great State is dependent; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the State of Texas and its citizenry to provide for our children and youth the best conceivable educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the quality of basic education in our primary and secondary public education systems is a serious concern today of all Texans; and

WHEREAS, the problems of discipline in the classrooms, social promotions, lax teacher certification, separation of teaching and administration functions, and the ideas of faculty senates, minimum competency testing and the return to an emphasis on basic curriculum need to be fully explored and aired in an effort to improve the end product of our education system; and

WHEREAS, the attainment of excellence in basic education can best be served by the establishment of a meaningful communication mechanism between the educators of the State and the Governor to promote an understanding of the problems, to define the goals, and to facilitate their accomplishment through the proper cooperation and coordination of the efforts of the office of Governor and the educators of the State; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a permanent advisory committee on education to have direct input to the Governor of Texas to serve as a sounding board for his policies and programs will greatly assist both the Governor and those involved in the educational system of Texas in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas is the highest elected officer of this State and designated by law as the Chief Planner for the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas is the proper officer to receive input from and to coordinate educational plans with the educational leaders of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Said committee will consist of no more than thirty members and a chairman, designated by the Governor, broadly representative of each area of primary and secondary education with a composition of both professionals in education and concerned laymen. Members will serve at the pleasure of the Governor with terms expiring on the 7th day of June of even numbered years. The Governor shall designate a chairman who shall hold such designation at the pleasure of the Governor.

Members will serve in a volunteer capacity without state pay and without state reimbursement for travel expenses.

Said committee is directed to meet at least twice annually and at all other times as may be directed by the chairman or the Governor.
Said committee shall in addition to the agenda set by its chairman, make such studies and reports as the Governor may from time to time request and shall keep the Governor advised as to the committee's activities.

All State Agencies, Boards, and Commissions are hereby directed to assist fully the GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION in addition to the Governor's Office aid and other staff support.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 7th day of June, 1979.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

George W. Strake, Jr.
Secretary of State

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