THE STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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ESTABLISHING MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS COUNCILS FOR
HIGHER EDUCATION, MEDICAL EDUCATION, AND STATE AGENCY

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to increase the efficiency and efectiveness of State government so as to provide quality needed service at the least possible cost to the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, to do so there exists a need for the implementation of improved management techniques in the conduct of the affairs of the State; and

WHEREAS, I have developed a formal program for this purpose which I have titled the Texas State Government Effectiveness Program; and

WHEREAS, there have been assurances of support from both governmental and private sources for such a program; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized under Article 4413-32a, R.C.S., to appoint Interagency Planning Councils to consider a common problem and undertake joint interagency activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish three TEXAS STATE GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVENESS COUNCILS as follows:

1. HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS COUNCIL:

This COUNCIL shall be comprised of not more than 11 members, appointed by the Governor. The members of this COUNCIL shall all be well experienced in the field of higher education. The chairman of the COUNCIL shall be named by the Governor.

2. MEDICAL EDUCATION MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS COUNCIL:

This COUNCIL shall be comprised of not more than 9 members, appointed by the Governor. The members of this COUNCIL shall all be well experienced in the field of health in higher education. The Commissioner of Higher Education, Texas College and University System, shall also be a member. The chairman of the COUNCIL shall be named by the Governor.

3. STATE AGENCY MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS COUNCIL:

This COUNCIL shall be comprised of not more than 15 members, appointed by the Governor. The members of the COUNCIL shall all be well experienced in State government. The Governor, or in his absence the Director of the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning, shall serve as chairman of this COUNCIL.
All members of these COUNCILS shall serve terms of one year and at the pleasure of the Governor.

These COUNCILS are established to contribute to and support improved STATE government management including but not limited to the design and initiation of programs in the particular area of government from which they are named to reach the following goals under the Texas State Government Effectiveness Program:

1. Increased Board member effectiveness.
2. Reduced state employment.
3. Implementation of management by objective.
4. Implementation of a statewide employee planning and evaluation system.
5. Implementation of effective merit compensation.
6. Improvement of the budget process.
7. Development of a statewide management training program.
8. Establishment of operational audits as a basic management technique.

It is intended that the creation of these COUNCILS will open lines of communication between these areas of government and the Governor that could identify other means of improvement and provide a closer working relationship than has existed in the past. The COUNCILS will provide recommendations to the Governor regarding major problems and issues in their respective areas of government.

All State Agencies, Boards, and Commissions are hereby directed to assist fully the TEXAS STATE GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVENESS COUNCILS in addition to the Governor's Office and other staff support.

This Executive Order shall become effective on this 4th day of April, 1980, and shall remain in effect until amended, modified or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 4th day of April, 1980.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

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