ESTABLISHING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY ON BLOCK GRANTS

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981; and

WHEREAS, Subtitle D may be cited as the "Education Consolidation and Improvement Act of 1981" and Chapter 2, Section 564 of this Subtitle provides that each State desiring to receive grants under this Chapter must file an application which designates the State educational agency as the State agency responsible for the administration and supervision of programs for elementary and secondary education and establish an advisory committee appointed by the Governor for the purpose of active and continuing consultation with the State educational agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me do hereby create and establish the ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY ON BLOCK GRANTS, hereinafter referred to as ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The ADVISORY COMMITTEE will consist of not more than 14 members appointed by the Governor who shall serve for two-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. The membership shall include representatives of public and private elementary and secondary school children; classroom teachers; parents of elementary and secondary school children; local boards of education; local and regional school administrators (including principals and superintendents); institutions of higher education; and the State legislature. The Governor shall appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the membership who shall serve in those positions at the pleasure of the Governor.
The ADVISORY COMMITTEE is charged with the following responsibilities:

(a) advise the State educational agency on the allocation among authorized functions of funds (not to exceed 20 per centum of the amount of the State's allotment) reserved for State use under section 565(a) of this Chapter, on the formula for the allocation of funds to local educational agencies, and on the planning, development, support, implementation, and evaluation of State programs assisted under this Chapter;

(b) set forth the planned allocation of funds reserved for the State under section 565(a) of this Chapter and among the authorized programs and projects which are to be implemented, and the allocation of such funds required to implement section 586 of this Chapter, including administrative costs of carrying out the responsibilities of the State educational agency under this Chapter;

(c) provide for timely public notice and public dissemination of the information provided pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of Section 564 of this Chapter;

(d) beginning with fiscal year 1964, provide for an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of programs assisted under this Chapter which shall include comments of the advisory committee, and shall be made available to the public; and

(e) provide that the State educational agency will keep such records and provide such information to the Secretary of Education as may be required for fiscal audit and program evaluation; and

(f) contain assurances that there is compliance with the specific requirements of this Chapter; and

(g) perform other duties as may be requested by the Governor.
The ADVISORY COMMITTEE shall meet at the call of the Chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. Task Force Members will serve for two-year terms at the pleasure of the Governor. The Chairman shall, with the consultation of the Governor, establish the agenda for ADVISORY COMMITTEE meetings.

The members of the ADVISORY COMMITTEE shall serve without compensation and without reimbursement for their travel and expenses.

All agencies of State and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the ADVISORY COMMITTEE in the performance of its duties.

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 1st day of December, 1981.

WILLIAM F. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

David Alan Bean
Secretary of State

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