WHEREAS, the State of Texas has maintained a system of corrections for 133 years;

WHEREAS, the state's system of corrections is a major element of the Criminal Justice System;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review and evaluation of that part of the Criminal Justice System dealing with Corrections has not been conducted in recent history;

WHEREAS, management by objective in accordance with long range planning is a goal of state management;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission for the Comprehensive Review of the Criminal Justice Corrections System hereinafter referred to as The Commission.

The Commission will consist of not more than 20 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall designate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the membership who, along with the members, shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Commission is charged with the following responsibilities:

a) Develop a master plan to carry the state's correction system into the twenty-first century. The plan should emphasize the rehabilitation and reintegration of the criminal offender into society while insuring the maximum protection of society from the dangerous or recalcitrant offender.

b) Conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the State's Criminal Justice System.

Among other things, the study should include: (a) prison overcrowding, proper classifications of the different types of inmates and assignments of them to appropriate facilities; use of maximum, medium and minimum security facilities; and programs for certain categories of inmates such as mentally impaired and old-age inmates, (b) review of Criminal laws, (c) deterrents to criminal behavior, (d) pre-trial and pre-sentencing alternatives, (e) confinement and confinement alternatives, (f) release and release alternatives.

The study should include correction facilities and resources at the state and local government levels.

d) Make recommendations to the Governor of necessary legislation or action by the Governor's Office which will promote the purpose of the Commission.

e) Perform other duties as may be requested by the Governor.

The Commission shall make a complete written report of its activities, findings, and recommendations to the Governor in sufficient time to present preliminary results to the 68th legislative session.
The Commission shall meet regularly at the call of the Chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman shall, with the consultation of the Governor, establish the agenda for Commission meetings.

The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the Commission during the course of its work also may be reimbursed and the Commission is authorized to contract with consultants as is necessary to perform its duties.

All agencies of State and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the Commission in the performance of its duties, including the temporary assignment of 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 10th day of June, 1982.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas