EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

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

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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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ESTABLISHING THE TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE FOR THE
COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the first function of government at all levels is
to protect and safeguard the lives and property of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the dedication and best efforts of the
criminal justice community, the rate of crime has steadily
increased; and

WHEREAS, the pain and economic loss inflicted on our citi­
zens resulting from crime require priority attention from pri­
ivate citizens and government officials alike;

NOW THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas,
under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish
the Texas Criminal Justice Task Force hereinafter referred to as
the Task Force.

The Task Force will consist of not more than seventy-five
(75) 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 Task Force is charged with the following responsibili­
ties of studying and making recommendations, including but not
limited to, regarding changes of laws within the Texas Criminal
Justice System; the effects of drug and alcohol abuse on our
society and a strategy for prevention; the role of health sci­
cence education institutions in the delivery of health care in
correctional institutions; the organizational structure of state
criminal justice agencies; the location of regional correctional
facilities and their benefits; their interaction with local com­
unities; the theory of an Offender Based Transaction System;
and such other duties that may be directed by the Governor.

The Task Force shall make a complete written report of its
activities, findings, and recommendations to the Governor.

The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairman, who
may designate committees within the Task Force to study specific
areas of the criminal justice system.

The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensa­
tion, but may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expen­
ses upon approval of the Director of the Criminal Justice Divi­
sion of the Governor's Office.
All agencies of state and local government are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the Task Force 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 26th day of February, 1987

[Signature]

William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor

Jack M. Rains
Secretary of State

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