EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the role of education in our society is not to guarantee our citizens success, rather it is to guarantee them the opportunity to achieve success; and

WHEREAS, vocational education is an important component of that effort by government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas should continue a deliberate course to encourage expansion and development of additional small businesses, related vocational institutions, and education of business graduates from its schools, universities, and colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan for Vocational Education in Texas refocuses vocational education at both the secondary and post secondary levels; and

WHEREAS, the refocusing of vocational education is tied to the private sector in the development and implementation of programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Texas needs a coordinated state strategy to encourage and promote growth of vocational education and training conducted by Texas' public schools and institutions of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under authority vested in me do hereby create and establish the GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION hereinafter referred to as TASK FORCE.

The TASK FORCE will consist of not more than 20 members appointed by the Governor who shall serve for two-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. The TASK FORCE shall be comprised of a broad representation from small business, corporations, public schools, institutions of higher education, extensive services and other interested citizens and organizations. The Governor shall designate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the membership who shall serve in those positions at the pleasure of the Governor.

The TASK FORCE is charged with the following responsibilities:

a) examine the role and scope of instruction involved in vocational education;
b) examine the programs and responsibilities of local school districts, the Texas State Technical Institution and institutions of higher education to determine areas for expansion and consolidation and areas in which state funds can be used with greater cost-efficiency and cost effectiveness;

c) make recommendations to the Governor regarding necessary legislation or actions by the Governor's Office which will aid in the development of new vocational programs; and

d) perform other duties as requested by the Governor.

On or before January 1, 1988, the TASK FORCE shall make a written report of its activities and recommendations to the Governor.

The TASK FORCE shall meet at the call of the chairman. The Chairman shall, with the consultation of the Governor, establish the agenda.

The members of the TASK FORCE shall serve without compensation or expenses.

All agencies of state and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the TASK FORCE in the performance of its duties.

The 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 21st day of April, 1987.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JUN.
Governor

Jack M. Rains
Secretary of State