

Executive Orders

Executive Order DB 29

Whereas, I, Dolph Briscoe, Governor of Texas, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby issue an executive order as follows:

Whereas, the Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1975 amends the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act by calling for the establishment of an advocacy system to protect the rights of persons with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, it is deemed to be proper and appropriate to ensure that the rights of persons with developmental disabilities are preserved; and

Whereas, Section 113 of the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act calls for the administration of such an advocacy system to be independent of any state agency which provides treatment, services, or habilitation to persons with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Texas is to designate an agency which will be responsible for planning an advocacy system and an agency which will be responsible for implementing an advocacy system;

Now, therefore, I, Dolph Briscoe, Governor of the State of Texas, designate, order, and direct as follows:

(1) The State Bar of Texas is hereby designated as the responsible agency for planning an appropriate advocacy system pursuant to this executive order and appropriate state and federal laws for persons with developmental disabilities.

(2) In exercising its responsibility in this endeavor, the State Bar of Texas is directed to work closely with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities. In addition, other interested persons, agencies, and organizations are to be consulted during the planning process.

(3) The State Bar of Texas is to complete its work as soon as possible but in any event in sufficient time that the plan may be implemented prior to September 30, 1977.

(4) To assist it in the performance of its duties as the designated planning agency pursuant to Section 113 of the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act, the State Bar of Texas is authorized to receive and utilize federal financial assistance.

This executive order is effective on the 21st day of May, 1976, and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, or repealed by me.

In official recognition thereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 20th day of May 1976.

Doc. No. 762791 Dolph Briscoe
Governor of Texas

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