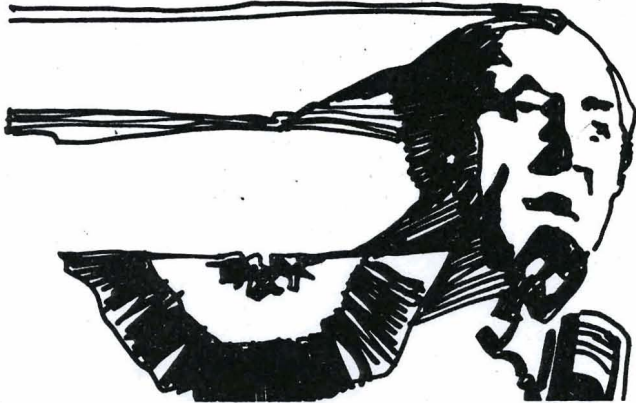


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Executive Order

WPC-26

Establishing the Governor's Education Action Group and Rescinding Executive Orders WPC-6 and WPC-20.

WHEREAS, Executive Order WPC-6 established the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education and Executive Order WPC-20 established the Task Force on Bilingual Education; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Education and the Task Force on Bilingual Education were charged with developing recommendations to improve the quality of education afforded to the youth of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Education and the Task Force on Bilingual Education have satisfactorily discharged their duties and responsibilities through development of specific recommendations to improve the quality of education provided by Texas' public school system; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recommendations set forth by the Advisory Committee on Education and Task Force on Bilingual Education, the 67th Texas Legislature and the state leadership developed six legislative measures; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 246, relating to required curriculum in public schools; House Bill 354, relating to school-community guidance centers and to personnel for school districts; House Bill 603, relating to a summer school pilot program for students who fail to meet certain achievement levels; Senate Bill 50, relating to certification of public school teachers, administrators, and to testing requirements as prescribed by the Board of Education; Senate Bill 477, relating to bilingual

education and English as a second language and other language programs in public schools; and House Concurrent Resolution 23, relating to an interim study by the Board of Education to make recommendations regarding a comprehensive state occupational education program have been signed into law; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a successor education action group not only to track the recommendations but also legislative proposals resulting from the work of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education and Task Force on Bilingual Education and measure the implementation of the two task forces' recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas is the proper official to receive input from and to coordinate educational plans with the educational leaders of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Education Action Group, the successor education action group hereinafter referred to as action group.

The action group will consist of not more than 11 members appointed by the governor who shall serve for two-year terms and at the pleasure of the governor. 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 action group is charged with the following responsibilities:

(a) oversee the progress and implementation of each of the six education measures and other recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education and Task Force on Bilingual Education;

(b) prepare a written report, on a quarterly basis to the governor on the progress achieved in implementation of the six educational measures and other recommendations of the two task forces; and

(c) perform other duties as may be requested by the governor.

The action group 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 action group meetings.

The members of the action group 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 action group in the performance of its duties.

Executive Order WPC-6 and Executive Order WPC-20 are hereby rescinded.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on September 22, 1981.

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William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

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