

Executive Order
WPC-27A

Executive Order WPC-27 is amended as follows and shall be known as WPC-27 as Amended January 4, 1982.

Establishing the Governor's Council on Career Education

WHEREAS, public education and an educated citizenry in Texas are the foundation upon which our society, values, and economy are based; and

WHEREAS, the children and youth of Texas are one of our greatest resources and upon which the future of this great state is dependent; and

WHEREAS, the environment of modern society which involves advanced technology in both agriculture and industry demands that public education ally itself more closely with these sectors of our society; and

WHEREAS, these career education sectors of our society must recognize their obligation to advance public education through effective communication and cooperation with our public school system; and

WHEREAS, the total career education resources of Texas properly mobilized and directed are highly adequate to adapt to the specialized educational demands of our age; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas is the proper official to receive input from and coordinate career 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 Council on Career Education, hereinafter referred to as council.

The council will consist of not more than 30 members appointed by the governor who shall serve for two-year terms 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 council shall be comprised of a broad representation from professional, industrial, business, agricultural, and governmental organizations, institutions of public education, and other interested citizens and organizations. The commissioner of education and the chairman of the Governor's Education Action Group shall sit as ex-officio members of the council.

The council may employ an executive director to be hired from contributions made by industry. The council may not receive state funding assistance but may receive gifts, contributions, or assessments from its members.

The council will be charged with the following responsibilities:

- (a) encourage industry and business to work with the state's educational officials to support higher educational standards;
- (b) encourage industry and business representatives to work directly with students to inform them of career opportunities and their educational prerequisites;
- (c) assist school personnel in the development of career education exchange programs in the public school classrooms;
- (d) develop career education programs for public school students which involve practical work in career education fields;
- (e) develop a career education plan for Texas' students which makes optimum use of career educational resources both traditional and nontraditional, to ensure such a plan is responsive to the state's economic and social needs and complements the academic and cultural content of Texas' public education programs;
- (f) establish local councils for the purpose of implementing objectives outlined in this executive order; and
- (g) perform other duties as may be requested by the governor.

On or before January 1, 1983, the council shall make a complete written report of its activities and recommendations to the governor.

The council shall meet at least semiannually and 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 council meetings.

The Texas Education Agency shall serve as coordinating staff to the council.

The members of the council shall serve without compensation and shall be responsible for their expenses.

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

This amendment of WPC-27 shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

The complete text of WPC-27 as amended January 4, 1982, is as above.

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William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas