

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 15

WHEREAS, the need exists for extensive welfare reform in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the National Governors' Association has supported welfare reform; and

WHEREAS, the federal government considers welfare reform to be a significant issue of concern and there is pending congressional legislation concerning this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Governor recognizes the need for such reform, and wishes to ensure that all welfare recipients receive help in becoming self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Human Resources is responsible for administering the welfare functions of the State of Alabama, pursuant to Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 38-2-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Guy Hunt, as Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in my by the Constitution of the State of Alabama and by the statutes of the State of Alabama, do hereby order and direct that:

1. The State Department of Human Resources, through its Commissioner, is charged with the development of a statewide Welfare Reform Plan. The Commissioner shall give due consideration to the advice and recommendations of the herein established Welfare Reform Commission in the formulation of such plan.

2. There is hereby created a statewide Welfare Reform Commission, whose purpose shall be to serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor and to the Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources, and to develop recommendations for the formulation of a comprehensive Welfare Reform Plan.

3. The membership of the Welfare Reform Commission shall consist of the following persons:

- a. The Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources, who shall serve as chairman.
- b. The Director of the Department of Industrial Relations.
- c. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.
- d. The State Health Officer.
- e. The Executive Director of the Department of Youth Services.
- f. The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.
- g. The State Superintendent of Education.
- h. The State Finance Director.
- i. The Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency.
- j. The Director of the Alabama Development Office.
- k. The Special Assistant to the Governor for Economic Affairs.
- l. The State Personnel Director.
- m. Four legislators who shall be appointed by the

Governor without regard to political affiliation.

- n. Up to 19 additional members who shall be appointed by the Governor without regard to political affiliation and based upon their knowledge, experience, interest and demonstrated commitment to and compassion for underprivileged Alabamians, and who will give of themselves in order to assure a better future for all of the people of the State of Alabama.

All members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services other than expenses incurred while in attendance at meetings of the Commission or on business of the Commission which has been authorized and approved by the Chairman of the Commission. Such expenses shall be paid in the amount prescribed for state officers and employees and persons traveling on official business for the state or any of its departments, institutions, boards, bureaus, commissions, councils, committees and like agencies.

The Commission shall hold meetings at such times and places as may be designated by the Chairman.

4. The heads of the various state departments appointed to this Commission shall make available and devote those resources necessary to support said Commission and shall cooperate fully with one another insofar as implementing any welfare reform

procedures developed as the result of the recommendations of this Commission.

This order shall become effective immediately upon the Governor's signature.

DONE and ORDERED this the 14th day of September, 1987.



ATTEST:

Guy Hunt
GUY HUNT
Governor

Glen Browder
Secretary of State