

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 8

WHEREAS, many citizens of the State of Alabama are afflicted with developmental disabilities which are mental and physical disabilities occurring during the developmental period and which cause those persons so afflicted to be more vulnerable and manifestly less able to reach an independent level of existence than are persons who have had a normal developmental period; and,

WHEREAS, our citizens with developmental disabilities require specialized services, often lifelong in duration, to be provided by many agencies in a coordinated manner, to aid these developmentally disabled citizens toward a state of mental, physical, social, and economic well-being in the least restrictive environment possible for them; and,

WHEREAS, the well-being of our developmentally disabled citizens and their families is of great importance to the Governor and the people of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, eligibility for participation in certain federal programs designed to assist persons with developmental disabilities is contingent upon appointment of a planning council, pursuant to Section 124 of the Developmental Disabilities Act of 1984, Public Law No. 98-527; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reorganize and reconstitute the Alabama Disabilities Development Council in order to comply with said Developmental Disabilities Act:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Guy Hunt, as Governor of Alabama, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby revoke and rescind, in all respects, all prior Executive Orders relating to the Alabama Disabilities Development Council, including Executive Order Number 27, dated December 1, 1971, and Executive Order Number 16, dated September 26, 1979. Further, I do hereby designate the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation as the administering agency in Alabama for the Developmental Disabilities Act and establish the Alabama Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, and declare that the Planning Council shall be composed of twenty-six (26) members appointed by the Governor. Said membership shall include the following persons in accordance with Public Law No. 98-527:

(1) The State Director, Rehabilitation and Crippled Children Service Division, Alabama Department of Education, or his designated representative;

The Coordinator, Program for Exceptional Children and Youth, or his designated representative;

The Commissioner of the State Medicaid Agency or his designated representative;

The Director of the Sparks Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders;

The Director of the Alabama Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Program;

One representative of a higher education training facility in Alabama;

One representative from a local agency concerned with services to persons with developmental disabilities;

One representative from a non-governmental agency concerned with services to persons with developmental disabilities;

Two representatives of private, non-profit groups concerned with services to persons with developmental disabilities;

One representative from the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation;

One representative from the Department of Human Resources; and

One representative of the State Department of Public Health, Family Health Services Division.

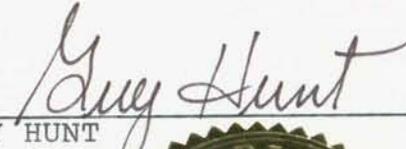
(2) In addition to the members described above, the Governor shall appoint to the Council at least thirteen (13) persons who

- (a) are persons with developmental disabilities or parents or guardians of such persons, or
- (b) are immediate relatives or guardians of persons with mentally impairing developmental disabilities,

who are not employees of a state agency which receives funds or provides services under Part B of the Developmental Disabilities Act, who are not managing employees (as defined in section 1126(b) of the Social Security Act) of any other entity which receives funds or provides services under Part B of the Developmental Disabilities Act, and who are not persons with an ownership or control interest (within the meaning of section 1124(a)(3) of the Social Security Act) with respect to such an entity. Of the members of the Council described in paragraph (2), (a) at least five (5) shall be persons with developmental disabilities, and (b) at least five (5) shall be individuals described in subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2), and at least one of such individuals shall be an immediate relative or guardian of an institutionalized person with a developmental disability.

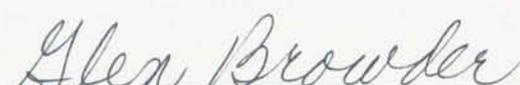
This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing.

DONE and ORDERED this 15th day of May, 1987.



GUY HUNT
Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

