EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-13

WHEREAS, SOUTH CAROLINA HAS FOUND A SUBSTANTIAL NEED TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HANDICAPPED INFANTS AND TODDLERS AND TO MINIMIZE THEIR POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY; AND

WHEREAS, SOUTH CAROLINA HAS FOUND A SUBSTANTIAL NEED TO REDUCE THE EDUCATIONAL COST TO OUR SOCIETY (OR STATE), INCLUDING OUR SCHOOLS, BY MINIMIZING THE NEED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES AFTER HANDICAPPED INFANTS AND TODDLERS REACH SCHOOL AGE; AND

WHEREAS, SOUTH CAROLINA HAS A SUBSTANTIAL NEED TO MINIMIZE THE LIKELIHOOD OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS AND MAXIMIZE THE POTENTIAL FOR THEIR INDEPENDENT LIVING IN SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS, SOUTH CAROLINA HAS FOUND A SUBSTANTIAL NEED TO ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF FAMILIES TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THEIR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH HANDICAPS.

THE STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR P.L. 99-457 WILL BE COMPOSED OF 15 MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR TERMS OF TWO YEARS.

THE COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF:

THREE PARENTS OF INFANTS OR TODDLERS OR CHILDREN AGED THREE THROUGH SIX WITH HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS;

THREE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES;

ONE PERSON INVOLVED IN TRAINING PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES;

ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND

OTHER MEMBERS REPRESENTING EACH OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF OR PAYMENT FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES TO HANDICAPPED INFANTS AND TODDLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND OTHERS SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR.
The Governor shall designate a Member to chair the Council for a term of one year. No Member may chair the Council for more than two consecutive terms. The Council must meet at least quarterly.

The Council and its staff in the Governor's Office shall prepare and approve a budget from Federal monies provided through P.L. 99-457. The Council staff shall be housed in the Governor's Office.

The Council shall advise and assist the lead agency:

(1) In developing and implementing a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency program of early intervention services for handicapped infants and toddlers and their families;

(2) Facilitating the coordination of payment for early intervention services from Federal, State, local, and private sources (including public and private insurance coverage);

(3) The Council shall review and make recommendations to the Governor for the designation of a lead agency on an annual basis;

(4) Advise and make recommendations concerning administration, supervision, and the monitoring of programs and activities receiving assistance. The Council shall also oversee the implementation of the requirements of P.L. 99-457; and
(5) The Council shall prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor on the status of early intervention programs operated within the State for handicapped infants and toddlers and their families.

No member of the Council shall cast a vote on any matter which would provide direct financial benefit to that member or otherwise give the appearance of a conflict of interest under State law.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall be in effect until January 1990.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
SECRETARY OF STATE