Executive Order No. 84-20

WHEREAS, the Employment Security Commission has projected a 1984 unemployment rate of 21 percent among South Carolina youth; and

WHEREAS, youth who are 14 to 21 years old are "at risk" of not finding and retaining employment when they have a record of low basic skills achievement, and/or have not acquired pre-employment training or work experience, and/or have dropped out of or been removed from public schools, and/or have come under the supervision of the juvenile or criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the presence of tens of thousands of at-risk youth in South Carolina poses long term social consequences to the State, and may lead to their dependency on State services when they become adults; and

WHEREAS, young people who are independent and productive are essential to South Carolina's economic growth; and

WHEREAS, preventing and remedying problems of employability among at-risk youth requires continuing consultation and cooperation among certain State agencies, and the private sector, and requires the efficient and effective use of State/Federal resources;
NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby create the Youth Employment Coordinating Council. This Council shall include senior level representatives of appropriate State agencies, and persons from the private sector, appointed by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall designate a representative to serve on the Council. The Council will become part of the State Private Industry Council, relating to the work of the PIC through the PIC Youth Committee. The Governor shall appoint the Chairman of the Council.

The Council shall: (1) develop strategies and priorities which the State will use to better meet the education, training, and employment needs of at-risk youth; (2) review and comment on State agencies' policy and programming initiatives which concern the employability of at-risk youth; and (3) recommend allocation of funds for the purpose of initiating demonstration programs which promise to improve the availability and effectiveness of employment related programs for at-risk youth.


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Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State