

# Executive Orders

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 13

- WHEREAS, Effective and meaningful job training for prison inmates is not available in our correctional institutions; and
- WHEREAS, Present restrictive laws prevent those in our institutions from producing useful goods and developing modern skills; and
- WHEREAS, Similarly, restrictive laws in professions and occupations often prohibit persons with prison records from obtaining employment upon release from prison; and
- WHEREAS, Persons released from prison have little or no preparation for return to the community and, as a consequence, in many instances, return to crime; and
- WHEREAS, Neglect of these members of our society is at best, poor economics and, at worst, a tragic disregard of human dignity and resources; and
- WHEREAS, A system of vocational education in our correctional institutions can supply invaluable rehabilitation and motivation to develop needed job skills; and
- WHEREAS, Ways and means of providing and implementing a worthwhile program of vocational education in our correctional institutions can best be reached by a study commission of interested and concerned citizens of this State who represent a broad cross section of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Cahill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby created a Commission on Vocational Education in Correctional Institutions composed of 17 members, all of whom shall be citizens and residents of the State and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Membership of the Commission shall be representative of law enforcement, labor, industry, education and the general community. The term of the Commission shall be one year. Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties subject to the availability of funds.

2. The Governor shall designate a chairman and executive secretary of the Commission. The chairman shall preside over the meetings and affairs of the Commission and shall create such sub-committees as he deems appropriate to carry out the functions of the Commission. The chairman shall direct any such sub-committee to render such interim reports to the Commission as he determines appropriate. The chairman shall have such further powers and duties as may be conferred upon him by the Governor.

3. The Commission shall conduct a thorough study and investigation as follows:

(a) Examination of systems of prisoner classification and screening for vocational education programs.

(b) Review of existing vocational education programs as a rehabilitation modality with a view to expansion.

(c) Evaluation of present "State use" laws limiting production of goods and service by prisoners.

(d) Comparative assessment of programs initiated by other states and Federal Government.

(e) Identification of training areas offering highest job potential for convicts that can be implemented in New Jersey's correctional system.

(f) Development of ways of continuing liaison and cooperation between the State correctional system and private industry and labor.

(g) Review of work release programs.

(h) Consider pre- and post-release vocational guidance and counseling.

(i) Consider all appropriate areas to provide vocational education reform in the State correctional institutions.

4. The Commission shall render to the Governor such interim reports as it may deem appropriate, or as the Governor may request, and upon completion of its work, the Commission shall

render to the Governor a full report of its findings and recommendations for Vocational Education Reform in Correctional Institutions. The Commission shall proceed promptly with its study and investigation so as to make its final recommendations within a period of one year.

5. Within the limits of funds available therefor, the Commission shall have the power to incur such expenses as may be necessary in order to exercise the powers conferred and to perform the duties imposed by this Order. The Commission may retain such professional personnel and clerical and technical assistants as it may require and may provide for the printing, advertising and publication of its proceedings and all interim and final reports promulgated by the Commission. All expenses incurred shall be approved by the chairman of the Commission and shall be submitted to the Treasurer of the State upon vouchers and warrants.

6. In order to carry out its functions, the Commission is authorized to conduct such public hearings and to solicit such information from the public and any other source as it deems appropriate. Notice of such public hearings shall be given in such manner as the chairman may direct so as to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to be heard.

7. (a) The Commission is authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such statistical data, program reports, and other information or personnel and materials as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order.

(b) Each department, office, division or agency of the State is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Commission and to furnish it such information and assistance as it may find necessary in the discharge of its responsibilities under this Order.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 19th day of  
[SEAL] January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-fifth.

/s/ WILLIAM T. CAHILL,  
*Governor.*

Attest:

/s/ JEAN E. MULFORD,  
*Acting Secretary to the Governor.*