

Vocational Education Amendments of 1976, is hereby designated as the Statewide agency responsible for planning and oversight of a Statewide occupational information system. It shall be the sole State agency responsible for the coordination of occupational information. All departments and agencies of the State are directed to operate accordingly.

This Order supplements Executive Order No. 5, dated May 16, 1974, and is to take effect immediately.

Issued December 3, 1982.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 23

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the State Treasurer that both revenues on hand and revenues anticipated for the remainder of this fiscal year will be inadequate in amount to allow for expenditures authorized by the Fiscal 1983 Annual Appropriations Act, P. L. 1982, c. 49; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and the State Treasurer agreed in June 1982 upon the anticipated revenue figure to be included in the Fiscal 1983 Annual Appropriations Act, but due to a downturn in the national economy that figure is now less than the amount certified; and

WHEREAS, The State Treasurer, the Economic Policy Council, and the Office of Legislative Services have agreed that there is no present prospect of a sufficiently strong economic recovery before the end of this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, It is my constitutional and statutory duty and responsibility as Chief Executive of this State, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph 2, of the State Constitution, and section 17 of P. L. 1944, c. 112 (C. 52:27B-26), to make necessary spending cuts and establish necessary reserve accounts to insure that expenditures shall not exceed the amount of revenues on hand and to be anticipated during the remainder of this fiscal year and to insure that the State has a balanced budget at the end of this fiscal year;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

1. That the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall make spending reductions in the General Fund and the Property Tax Relief Fund in an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the aggregate total appropriation for Direct State Services, 3 percent of the aggregate total appropriation for State Aid, and 3 percent of the aggregate total appropriation for Capital Construction, as contained in the Fiscal Year 1983 Annual Appropriations Act.

2. That no reduction shall be made in any appropriation contained in the Fiscal Year 1983 Annual Appropriations Act for the payment of debt service on obligations of the State or other jurisdictions; no spending reductions shall be made in any employee benefits accounts, including pension benefits and Social Security; and no reductions shall be made in State aid payments which would provide aid to local governments for their calendar year 1982 budgets.

3. That the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall take appropriate action to insure that \$50 million of the May 1983 payment for Revenue Sharing and Business Personal Property Tax replacement programs be deferred and held in escrow; this reserve shall be in addition to the immediate cuts authorized in paragraph 1.

4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued December 7, 1982.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 24

I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

December 24, 1982 (the day preceding Christmas Day) shall have the effect of a Bank Holiday within the meaning and provisions of Section 36:1-1 of the Revised Statutes.

Issued December 10, 1982.