EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 90

WHEREAS, An effective and efficient Child Support Enforcement Program will help assure the proper financial support of children and may be instrumental in decreasing welfare costs through increased support collections; and

WHEREAS, The existing New Jersey Child Support Program may benefit from an objective overview and data collection, reflecting program operations, and the development of a Statewide awareness of program needs may serve to consolidate program efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Child Support Amendments of 1984 (P. L. 98-378), which amend Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, require, as a condition of a state's eligibility for federal payments under the Act, that the governor of each state, on or before December 1, 1984, appoint a State Commission on Child Support to examine, investigate and study the state's child support system; and

WHEREAS, A New Jersey Commission on Child Support was established by letter to the Secretary of State on November 27, 1984; and

WHEREAS, The adoption and reaffirmation of this Commission by Executive Order is appropriate in order to set forth the composition and organization of the Commission, its powers and duties;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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:

1. There is hereby created a State Commission on Child Support (hereinafter referred to as the Commission).

   a. The Commission shall consist of 29 members appointed by the Governor. The members of the Commission shall be one custodial and one noncustodial parent, five representatives of the State IV-D agency, one representative of the State Judiciary, five
members from the Executive Branch, two State Senators and two Assemblymen, four representatives of child welfare and social services agencies, two members from the Family Law and two members from the Women’s Rights sections of the New Jersey State Bar Association and a maximum of four public members representing diversified aspects of the State child support system.

b. Commission vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.

c. The Governor shall designate the Chairperson of the Commission from among the members of the Commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commission members shall choose a Vice-Chairperson from among their membership.

d. The Commission may organize itself as it deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities.

2. The Commission shall meet regularly during the life of the Commission.

3. The Commission shall examine, investigate and study the operations of the State’s child support system to determine:

a. The extent to which the State’s system has been successful in securing support and parental involvement both for children who are eligible for aid under a State plan approved under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act and for children who are not eligible for such aid.

b. The problems pertaining to visitation rights, appropriate objective standards of support, the enforcement of interstate obligations and the availability, cost and effectiveness of services both to children who are eligible for aid under a State IV-A or IV-D plan and those who are not.

c. The need for legislation at the federal and State levels to obtain support for all children.

4. The Commission shall submit to the Governor and make available to the public, no later than October 1, 1985, a full and complete report of its findings and recommendations resulting from the examination, investigation and study of the State’s child support system.

5. The Department of Human Services is directed to cooperate with the Commission, to the extent not inconsistent with the law, to furnish such staff, office space and supplies as necessary for the Commission to carry out this Order. The Commission is also
authorized to consult with any other department, office, division or agency of the State for data, program reports and any other information deemed necessary to satisfy this Order. Each such department, office, agency or division is authorized, and hereby directed, to the extent not inconsistent with the law, to cooperate with the Commission, as necessary, for the fulfillment of this Order.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.


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**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 91**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 35 created the Governor's Committee on Children's Services Planning and Executive Order No. 77 extended its term; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this Committee was to review the findings of the Commission on Children's Services and make recommendations to improve the quality of services for the children and youth of this State; and

WHEREAS, The coming together of these talented individuals has focused attention on the problems of children and youth in New Jersey, and fostered improved planning and coordination of services for children; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Committee on Children's Services Planning has prepared specific recommendations to improve services for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for the Committee to work with the State departments and the community in order to help implement its recommendations and facilitate efforts to improve the quality of services for children and youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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: