

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

WHEREAS, Unemployment of young persons is, and has been a major social problem in Maryland by reason not only of the difficulties normally attendant on unemployment but also the failure of many individuals to develop at an early age sound work habits and attachment to the labor force; and

WHEREAS, The reported unemployment rate of young persons in Maryland in fiscal 1980, according to the Department of Human Resources, is 12% with respect to persons between the ages of 16 and 21 and with respect to various subgroups in the population, such as minority youth between the ages of 16 and 21 in the Baltimore metropolitan area ranges up to 35%; and

WHEREAS, Recent Federal studies, including the Report of the National Commission for Employment Policy and the Vice President's Task Force on Youth Employment, suggest a coming redirection of Federal youth employment programs away from publicly created jobs and toward better integration of schools with job opportunities in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Two Maryland Study Commissions - the Governor's Commission to Study Child Labor Laws appointed in 1975 and the Task Force on the Interrelationship of Maryland-Federal Employment Standards created in 1977 have rendered reports of limited scope suggesting the removal of certain legal impediments to, and burdens upon, youth employment and their hearings and reports suggest the desirability of a broader study, including matters beyond the charge of those Commissions, which will make full use of the materials developed by them; and

WHEREAS, Maryland State government sponsors various programs of vocational education, apprenticeship and industrial training, and summer and part-time State employment that are in need of coordination and improvement, and its General Assembly has displayed an interest in various proposed subsidized employment and tax credit programs which require and deserve full study.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 24 OF THE CONSTITUTION, DO ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is hereby created a Task Force on Youth Employment composed as follows: three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the