

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

the Annotated Code of Maryland to order, not inconsistent with law, such reorganizations as he may deem necessary and desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER:

1. There is a State Coordinating Council for Residential Placement of Handicapped Children (the "State Coordinating Council") within the Executive Branch of the Government.

2. The members of the State Coordinating Council are the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, and the State Superintendent of Schools, or their respective designees. The Director of the Governor's Office for the Coordination of Services to the Handicapped is a non-voting, ex-officio member of the State Coordinating Council.

3. (a) There is a Chairman of the State Coordinating Council who shall serve terms of twelve months in three year cycles of rotation as provided in this paragraph.

(b) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is the chairman of the State Coordinating Council for a term of twelve consecutive months beginning on the effective date of this Executive Order. The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources shall succeed the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as Chairman for a term of twelve consecutive months, and the State Superintendent of Schools shall succeed the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources for a term of twelve consecutive months.

(c) After the initial three year cycle of rotation of the office of Chairman, each voting member shall serve as Chairman for a twelve month term in the order set forth in Subparagraph (b) of this paragraph.

4. The State Coordinating Council shall appoint an Executive Director who shall serve at the pleasure of the State Coordinating Council and shall receive such compensation as provided through State budgetary procedures. The Executive Director may employ additional staff with the approval of the State Coordinating Council and as provided in the State budget.

5. The State Coordinating Council shall:

(a) Develop procedures for the operation of Local Coordinating Councils for Residential Placement of Handicapped Children ("Local Coordinating Councils");