

AGENDA ITEM 14.

ADOPTED RULES AMENDMENTS

Submitted for: Action

Summary: This item reports on the agency's proposed omnibus rules amendments, the text of which was published in the **Illinois Register** on February 14, 2005, and which was previously presented to the Commission as an information item at its January 24, 2005 meeting and an action item at its April 18, 2005 meeting.

Initial publication of the proposed amendments triggered a 45-day public comment period that ended on March 30, 2005. At its April 18, 2005 meeting, the Commission accepted the proposed rules amendments, following which the Executive Director authorized staff to initiate the second 45-day review period by submitting the proposed rules amendments to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), the legislative support services agency responsible for reviewing all rulemaking action of state agencies. JCAR voted "no objection" to the proposed amendments at its May 17, 2005 meeting.

While some technical changes have been made in response to JCAR staff suggestions and to conform to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, there have been no substantive changes from the rules amendments as originally published. The anticipated effective date of these rules amendments is July 1, 2005. The full text of the amendments is enclosed under separate cover.

Following approval and adoption of these amendments by the Commission, the Executive Director will authorize staff to submit them to the Administrative Code Division of the Secretary of State for publication as final adopted amendments. Once adopted, they will be communicated to ISAC's clients through publication in the **Illinois Register** and various client communications, as well as being posted to ISAC's Web site.

Action requested: That the Commission approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission approves and adopts the omnibus rules amendments, as modified during the rulemaking process, so that they can be effective for the 2005-2006 academic year."