

AGENDA ITEM 12.

ADOPTED RULES AND AMENDMENTS

Submitted for: Action

Summary: This item reports on the agency's omnibus rules and amendments, the text of which was published in the **Illinois Register** on February 7, 2003, and which was previously presented to the Commission as an information item at its January 31, 2003 meeting and an action item at its April 11, 2003 meeting.

Initial publication of the proposed rules and amendments triggered a 45-day public comment period that ended on March 21, 2003. At its April 11, 2003 meeting, the Commission accepted the revised proposed rules and amendments, as modified to that point during the rulemaking process. Following this action, the Executive Director authorized staff to initiate the second 45-day review period by submitting the proposed rules and 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 rules and amendments at its June 10, 2003 meeting.

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 policy changes, however, from the rules and amendments as approved by the Commission at its April meeting. The anticipated effective date of these rules and amendments is July 1, 2003. The full text of the rules and amendments is enclosed under separate cover.

Following approval and adoption of these rules and 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 rules and 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 and amendments, as modified during the rulemaking process, so that they can be effective for the 2003-2004 academic year."