

## AGENDA ITEM 13.

### 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 6, 2004, and which was previously presented to the Commission as an information item at its January 16, 2004 meeting and an action item at its April 2, 2004 meeting.

Initial publication of the proposed rules and amendments triggered a 45-day public comment period that ended on March 21, 2004. At its April 2, 2004 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 six of the seven Parts for which amendments were proposed at its May 18, 2004 meeting. JCAR voted to extend the second notice period for 45 additional days for Part 2735, Monetary Award Program, to allow JCAR staff additional time to work with ISAC in resolving various issues.

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, however, from the rules amendments approved by the Commission at its April meeting. The anticipated effective date of these rules amendments is July 1, 2004. The full text of the rules amendments is enclosed under separate cover.

Following approval and adoption of these rules 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 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 for Parts 2720, 2736, 2763, 2764, 2765 and 2775 so that they can be effective for the 2004-2005 academic year."