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June 22, 2000

Michael H. Hershock
President and Chief Executive Officer
Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
1200 North Seventh Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Re: IRRC Regulation #58-23 (#1933)
Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
State Grant Program; Early Childhood Education
Professional Loan Forgiveness Program

Dear Mr. Hershock:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its June 22, 2000 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Bush
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure
cc: Sheila Dow Ford

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 22, 2000

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Regulation No.58-23
Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
State Grant Program; Early Childhood
Professional Loan Forgiveness Program

On March 16, 1998, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (Agency). This rulemaking amends 22 Pa. Code Chapter 121. The proposed regulation was published in the March 28, 1998 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 27, 2000. On May 10, 2000, the Commission received a request from the Agency to toll consideration of this final-form regulation to make technical corrections. On June 5, 2000, the Agency submitted its revisions to the final-form regulation to the Commission.


The Agency is updating and adding requirements for participation in the State Grant Program and the Early Childhood Education Professional Loan Forgiveness Program. It also adds a section for wage garnishment procedures for Federal loans.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Agency (24 P.S. §§ 5104, 5151, 5181-5189, 5191-5197, and 5198.1-5198.7) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.




Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman