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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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March 8, 2001

Honorable Eugene W. Hickok, Jr., Secretary  
Department of Education  
333 Market Street, 10th Floor  
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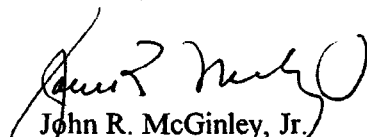
Re: Regulation #6-269 (IRRC #2129)  
Department of Education  
Charter School Services and Programs for Children with Disabilities

Dear Secretary Hickok:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on March 8, 2001. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](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,

  
John R. McGinley, Jr.  
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Jess M. Stairs, Majority Chairman, House Education Committee  
Honorable Nicholas A. Colafella, Democratic Chairman, House Education Committee  
Honorable James J. Rhoades, Chairman, Senate Education Committee  
Honorable Allyson Y. Schwartz, Minority Chairperson, Senate Education Committee  
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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held March 8, 2001

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Regulation No. 6-269  
Department of Education  
Charter School Programs for  
Children With Disabilities

On June 27, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Education (Department). This rulemaking adds Chapter 703 to 22 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the July 8, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on February 6, 2001.

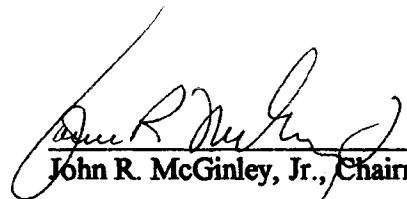
This rulemaking establishes procedures for special education in charter schools; adopts relevant federal regulations relating to children with disabilities; defines terms related to special education for charter schools; and outlines the Department's authority to ensure charter schools' compliance with federal laws, regulations and court decrees.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (24 P.S. §§ 17-1701-A – 17-1732-A) 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.



  
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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman