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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

June 1, 2006

James Buckheit, Executive Director
State Board of Education
333 Market Street, 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

Re: Regulation #6-297 (IRRC #2506)
State Board of Education
Higher Education General Provisions

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

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

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Bush
Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable James J. Rhoades, Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Honorable Raphael J. Musto, Minority Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Honorable Jess M. Stairs, Majority Chairman, House Education Committee
Honorable James R. Roebuck, Jr., Democratic Chairman, House Education Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 1, 2006

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Regulation No. 6-297
State Board of Education
Higher Education General Provisions

On October 27, 2005, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Education (Board). This rulemaking amends 22 Pa. Code Chapter 31. The proposed regulation was published in the November 12, 2005 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 1, 2006.

The regulation updates and clarifies existing regulations relating to general provisions for postsecondary institutions. The existing Chapter 31 was originally promulgated in 1969 and was last amended in 1992.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (24 P.S. § 26-2603-B) 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, Chairman