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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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April 17, 2008

Honorable Gerald L. Zahorchak, Secretary
Department of Education
333 Market Street, 10th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

Re: Regulation #6-298 (IRRC #2520)
Department of Education
Vocational Education

Dear Secretary Zahorchak:

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,

Arthur Coccodrilli

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 James R. Roebuck, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Education Committee
Honorable Jess M. Stairs, Minority Chairman, House Education Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 17, 2008

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Regulation No. 6-298 (#2520)
Department of Education
Vocational Education

On January 19, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Education (Department). This rulemaking amends 22 Pa. Code Chapter 339. The proposed regulation was published in the February 4, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 6, 2008.


This final-form rulemaking updates the Department's existing regulations on vocational education and allows intermediate units to establish Technical Institutes, which will be operated for the purpose of providing technical education by offering nondegree-granting post high school programs and courses of not more than two years.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (24 P.S. §§ 18-1801-18.1855 and 24 P.S. §§ 26-2601-B – 26.2606-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.




Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman