

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held May 18, 2017

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman
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Regulation No. 6-337 (#3168)
Department of Education
Postsecondary Distance Education Reciprocity

On March 27, 2017, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Department of Education (Department). This rulemaking amends 22 Pa. Code § 741. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

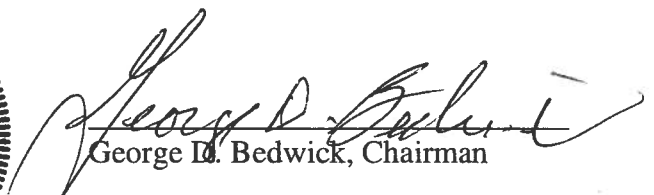
This final-omitted regulation implements Act 35 of 2016 (24 P.S. § 1-124) which authorizes the Secretary of Education to enter into and administer membership in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement for distance education and to charge administrative fees to institutions of higher education that choose to participate in the agreement.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (Act No. 35 of 2016 (24 P.S. § 1-124(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.




George D. Bedwick, Chairman