

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Administrative Code Update
Date: October 8, 2001

Recommended Actions:

- (1) Receive the report.
- (2) Authorize the review and submission of designated proposed rule revisions via the Administrative Rules Terminal (ART).

Executive Summary:

On September 14, 1999, Governor Vilsack issued Executive Order No. 8 as part of an initiative to promote quality and efficiency in state government. The effort is intended in part to eliminate outdated, ineffective and burdensome rules. The Governor's schedule requires state agencies to review their rules by November 1, 2001 according to several criteria: the need for a rule, the clarity of the rule, the intent and statutory authority which is the basis of the rule, the cost/benefit of the rule, and the fairness of the rule.

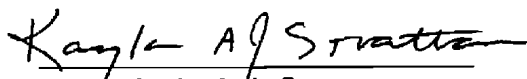
Consultation with stakeholders and constituents is an important part of the review process. The Regent institutions have been conferring with interested groups on campus, while the Board office has identified and notified public constituents, requesting their input and participation. In addition, the Board of Regents, State of Iowa web site contains a link to the Regent rules (Iowa Administrative Code Agency Number 681) and an invitation for any interested party to submit comments until October 26, 2001.

An electronic Administrative Rules Terminal (ART) is maintained by the Information Technology Department (ITD), permitting agencies to submit their rules assessments electronically for review by the Governor's staff. This process requires every rule in every chapter to be addressed by a comment or summary, whether or not any change in the rules is contemplated. In the weeks to come, the Board Office will be gathering comments from the Regent institutions and public constituents to submit to the Governor's Office via the ART.

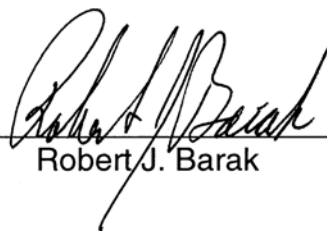
Background:

Governor Vilsack has issued four Executive Orders to promote quality and efficiency in state government, initiating an effort to eliminate outdated, ineffective, and burdensome rules. Executive Order No. 8 requires a review of existing regulatory administrative rules; Executive Order No. 9 requires agencies to draft future rules consistent with the principles identified by the Governor's Office and maintain a regulatory plan; Executive Order No. 10 creates a Quality in Rulemaking Committee; and Executive Order No. 11 addresses uniform waiver rules.

This effort requires sequential activity over a period of approximately three years. The Board of Regents is in compliance with the Governor's schedule, having successfully completed the Administrative Rules Inventory in November 2000. After completing next month's assessment phase, the Governor's Office will respond to the Board Office with comments on any proposed rule revisions.



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Approved: 

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