

AGENDA ITEM 7.

PROPOSED RULES

Submitted for: Information

Summary: This item reports on the agency's proposed rules for the Forensic Science Grant Program and the Nurse Educator Scholarship Program, the text of which is expected to be published in the **Illinois Register** in August 2006. Staff is currently working to develop the necessary policies, procedures and systems to launch these new programs for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Initial publication of the proposed rules will trigger a 45-day public comment period which is expected to end in September 2006. Then the Commission will be presented with revised proposed rules, as modified in response to public comment. Following approval by the Commission, the Executive Director will authorize staff to initiate the second 45-day review period by submitting the proposed rules to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), the legislative support services agency responsible for reviewing all rulemaking action of state agencies.

After the JCAR review, the proposed rules will be brought to the Commission for final adoption. The full text of the proposed rules as well as the notice of proposed rules are presented with this item.

Following approval and adoption of these rules by the Commission, the Executive Director will authorize staff to submit them to the Administrative Code Division of the Secretary of State for publication as final adopted rules. Once adopted, they will be communicated to ISAC's clients through publication in the **Illinois Register** and various client communications, as well as being posted to ISAC's Web site.

Action requested: None