

AGENDA ITEM 3.

PROPOSED RULES AMENDMENTS

Submitted for: Action

Summary: This item reports on the agency's proposed amendments for the new Illinois Future Teacher Corps (IFTC) Program. The text of these proposed amendments was published in the **Illinois Register** on September 19, 2003 and was presented to the Commission as an information item at its September 19, 2003 meeting. Initial publication of the proposed amendments triggered a 45-day public comment period that ended on October 31, 2003. No substantive changes have been made since the rules were last presented to the Commission. Several minor technical corrections were made to comply with the State's codification requirements.

No letters of comment were received during the public comment period.

These amendments were previously published and adopted as emergency amendments. As provided for in the Administrative Procedure Act, rules adopted on an emergency basis remain in effect for only 150 days. Staff proposed these amendments concurrently through the regular rulemaking process in order to ensure that the Commission will have adequate time in which to adopt permanent amendments prior to the expiration of the emergency amendments.

Following acceptance of the revised proposed amendments by the Commission, the Executive Director will direct staff to submit the amendments to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), thus initiating the second 45-day review period. After the JCAR review, these amendments will be re-submitted to the Commission for final approval and adoption.

Action requested: That the Commission approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission accepts the revised proposed amendments for the Illinois Future Teacher Corps (IFTC) Program, as modified thus far during the rulemaking process."