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**MEMORANDUM**

To: R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., and Members, Commission on Higher Education

From: Rayburn Barton *RB*

**Monthly Update on Implementation of Management Review**

The following narrative provides you with information on the Commission staff's activities during the month of May relative to implementing the Budget and Control Board's Management Review recommendations.

**Academic Affairs**

The Academic Affairs Subcommittee of the Policy Review Committee has completed a draft set of policy statements on distance education for higher education in South Carolina. Drawing on policies from other states as well as on nationally recognized efforts from the Western Governor's University, the Southern Regional Electronic Campus, and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, these draft policy statements provide a framework for further state policy-making related to distance education. The Subcommittee will present the policy statements along with revised guidelines for existing program review and new program development to the Commission's Advisory Committee on Academic Programs at its July meeting.

**Planning and Assessment**

Pending Commission approval of the report of the Committee to Review Assessment and Accountability Legislation (discussion at the June 4 meeting), the Commission staff will begin revisions to the regulations for reporting under Act

629. The Commission's Committee on Planning and Assessment approved the proposed changes to the reporting for Act 629 at its May 21 meeting. As you may recall, the Committee to Review Assessment and Accountability Legislation has recommended elimination of 9 of the 17 components of the regulations, significantly reducing duplicative reporting required of the institutions.

Please contact me directly should you have questions relating to any of the topics discussed above. And many thanks for your continuing support of the policy review effort.