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Ronald Sklansky, Director Administrative Rules Clearinghouse Wisconsin Legislative Council One East Main Street, Suite 401 Madison, WI 53702

Dear Mr. Sklansky:

Enclosed, please find a proposed order to create Chapter Adm 80 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code for your review, analysis and recommendations.

The Department proposes an order to create rules relating to the administrative procedures for the Wisconsin Covenant Scholars Program. 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 created s. 39.437, Wis. Stats., which provides grants to Wisconsin Covenant Scholars who are enrolled at least half-time at an eligible in-state institution. HEAB administers this program with the assistance of the Office of the Wisconsin Covenant Scholars Program (OWCSP) under s. 39.437, Wis. Stats. 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 requires the Department to promulgate rules for the implementation of the Wisconsin Covenant Scholars Program and to submit the proposed rule to the Legislative Council staff no later than the first day of the twelfth month beginning after the effective date of the bill. As required by Act 28, the proposed rules establish the criteria for designation as a Wisconsin Covenant Scholar by the OWCSP.

The Department's authority for creating these rules is found in ss. 16.004(1) and 39.437(5), Wis. Stats.

If you have any substantive questions regarding the rules, please contact Shannon Loredo at 261-8652. Donna Sorenson at 266-2887 is the person responsible for the internal processing of the rules.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Morgan Secretary

cc: Bruce Hoesly, LRB

Shannon Loredo, Office of the Wisconsin Covenant