SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM VII-E

<u>Discussion and possible action on approved institutional accreditors and study of accreditors</u>

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Coordinating Board to conduct a study of institutional accreditors

Background Information:

The Commissioner will present an overview of legislation proposed during the 88th legislative session to authorize Texas institutions of higher education to use additional accrediting agencies other than those specified in the Education Code currently.

The Commissioner will also discuss a legislative request for the agency to conduct a study regarding the costs and benefits of transition to an alternative accrediting agency. The recommendation is to conduct the requested study.