

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

### **Home-Based Private Educational Program**

**The importance of education programs today has increased.** Efficient management of resources, reduction of costs and improving the quality of curriculum are just several items on the education “to do” list.

Centurion, Inc. has provided software tools to assist the DPI to achieve these goals utilizing touch tone phone systems. This Centurion, Inc. product has been selected to manage the control and information supporting a state wide Home Based Education program due to its wide spread application and ease of use. This includes establishing curriculum standards, communication links to those enrolled in the program plus periodic testing and assessment of students.

Using a Touch-tone phone, a callers have 7 day per week, 24 hour per day access to the following functions:

- Request an instructional packet explaining the Home-Based Private Educational Program.
- Hear messages related to the registration process.
- Request registration forms.
- Hear messages recommending sources to obtain curriculum materials.
- Be provided the criteria and requirements in obtaining a General Education Development certificate or high school diploma.
- Receive contact sources for detailed high school credit and diploma requirements.
- Obtain source information for periodic testing and assessment of Home-Based Private Education students.

#### **How does it work?**

Callers are guided through menu selections via Touch-tone or Spoken responses, and information is given using pre-recorded messages. The Request for Forms selection and the Request for Informational Packets selection utilize Form-Filler prompts for the caller’s name and mailing address. Requests are transcribed by authorized personnel through the use of an Administrative Menu of playback selections. Each informational message is followed by options to repeat the message or return to the Main Menu.