

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

Linda Tague,

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for Federal Education Assistance (AFEA).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-Profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 15,550.

Burden Hours: 4,404.

Abstract: The information collection is needed for the processing of various Department grant program's application from State and local educational agencies, and institutions of higher education. The information is used by program offices to determine eligibility and facilitate distribution of program funds.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Advisory Council on Indian Education; Hearing**

AGENCY: National Advisory Council on Indian Education, ED.

ACTION: Notice of open hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a hearing of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. This notice also describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this hearing is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES AND TIMES: March 8, 1998, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and March 9, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn on the Hill, Congressman Room, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20001, (202) 638-1616.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Beaulieu, Director, Office of Indian Education, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Portals 4300, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 260-2431; Fax: (202) 260-7779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Advisory Council on Indian Education is a presidentially appointed advisory council on Indian education established under Section 9151 of Title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 7871). The Council advises the Secretary of Education and the Congress on funding and administration of programs with respect to which the Secretary has jurisdiction and that includes Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults. The Council also makes recommendations to the Secretary for filing the position of Director of Indian Education whenever a vacancy occurs.

This hearing will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed above.

Testimony is requested concerning the implementation and effectiveness of Federal Education programs with American Indian learners.

The Improving Americas Schools Act; Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended 1994.

The Indian Education Act (Title IX) Impact Aid Programs (Title VIII) Comprehensive Education Programs (Title I)

School Improvement Programs Migrant Education Programs (Title I, Part C)

Safe and Drug Free Schools (Title IV, Part A, Subpart I of the ESEA) Goals 2000: Educate America Act

Testimony is also requested regarding the needs of American Indian learners in the following areas:

Bilingual Education
After School Programs
New Teachers
Equity of Opportunity for Indian Children
The National Test

A summary of the proceedings and related matters which are informative to

the public consistent with the policy of Title, 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within fourteen days of the meeting, and are available for public inspection at the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202, from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: February 4, 1998.

Gerald N. Tirozzi,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Sunday, March 8, 1998

10:00 a.m.—Call to Order
Roll Call of the Membership
Introductions
Presentation on Reauthorization
12:00 noon—Lunch
1:00 p.m.—Hearings
5:00 p.m.—Adjournment

Monday, March 9, 1998

9:00 a.m.—Hearings
12:00 noon—Lunch
1:00 p.m.—Working Session
5:00 p.m.—Adjournment.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Meeting

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

ACTION: Notice of upcoming meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming partially closed meeting of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

DATES AND TIMES: February 25, 1998, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m., but closed from approximately 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and February 26, 1998, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Washington Marriott Hotel, Georgetown I Room, 1221 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 601, Washington, D.C. 20202-7582 (202) 708-7439 or visit our web site at www.ed.gov/offices/AC/ACSFA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee is established to provide advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid matters, including providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that will result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students, conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program, and assisting with activities related to reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965. As a result of the passage of the Higher Education Amendments of 1992, the Congress directed the Advisory Committee to assist with a series of special assessments and conduct an in-depth study of student loan simplification. The Advisory Committee fulfills its charge by conducting objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses of important student aid issues. As a result of passage of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993, Congress assigned the Advisory Committee the major task of evaluating the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) and the Federal Education Loan Program (FFELP). The Committee was directed to report to the Secretary and Congress on not less than an annual basis on the operation of both programs and submit a final report by January 1, 1997. The Committee submitted to Congress its final recommendations on the advisability of fully implementing the FDLP on December 11, 1996. The Advisory Committee has now focused its energies on activities related to reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1998.

The proposed agenda includes presentations and discussion sessions which will focus on (a) congressional and other legislative proposals and their impact on Title IV student aid programs; (b) an update on the Department of Education's reauthorization initiatives including the delivery system; (c) an

association update on priorities for reauthorization; and (d) special topic discussion sessions pertaining to student loan interest rates and college costs issues. In addition, the Committee will discuss its agenda for the remainder of fiscal year 1998 and address other Committee business (e.g., personnel matters, etc). Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through Internet at ADV_COMSFA@ed.gov or Tracy_Deanna_Jones@ed.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 401-3467. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 708-7439. The registration deadline is Wednesday, February 18, 1998.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Washington, D.C. on February 25, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m., and on February 26, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public on February 25, from approximately 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The ensuing discussions will relate to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552(b)(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b) will be available to the public within fourteen days after the meeting.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 601, Washington, D.C. from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays except Federal holidays.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald,

Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

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