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for adults with limited English proficiency, will not be charged tuition, fees, or any other charges, or be required to purchase any books or any other materials that are needed for participation in the program;

(8) The SEA may use not more than 20 percent of the funds granted to the State under the Act for programs of equivalency for a certificate of graduation from secondary school;

(9) As may be required by the Secretary, the SEA will report information concerning special experimental demonstration projects and teacher training projects supported under section 353 of the Act; and

(10) The SEA annually will report information about the State's adult education students, programs, expenditures, and goals, as may be required by the Secretary. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1830-0026.)

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1203a(b)(2), 1206(a), 1206b, 1207a, 1208, and 1209(b))

§ 461.11 How is the State plan developed?

In formulating the State plan, the SEA shall—

(a) Meet with and utilize the State advisory council, if a council is established under section 332 of the Act and § 461.50;

(b) After providing appropriate and sufficient notice to the public, conduct at least two public hearings in the State for the purpose of affording all segments of the public, including groups serving educationally disadvantaged adults, and interested organizations and groups, an opportunity to present their views and make recommendations regarding the State plan;

(c) Make a thorough assessment of —

(1) The needs of adults, including educationally disadvantaged adults, eligible to be served as well as adults proposed to be served and those currently served by the program; and

(2) The capability of existing programs and institutions to meet those needs; and

(d) State the changes and improvements required in adult education to fulfill the purposes of the Act and the options for implementing these

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changes and improvements. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1830-0026.)

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1206a(a)(1) and (2), (b))

§ 461.12 What must the State plan contain?

(a) Consistent with the assessment described in § 461.11(c), a State plan must, for the four-year period covered by the plan—

(1) Describe the adult education needs of all segments of the adult population in the State identified in the assessment, including the needs of those adults who are educationally disadvantaged;

(2) Describe and provide for the fulfillment of the literacy needs of individuals in the State;

(3) Set forth measurable goals for improving literacy levels, retention in literacy programs, and long-term learning gains of individuals in the State and describe a comprehensive approach for achieving those goals, including the development of indicators of program quality as required by section 331(a)(2) of the Act and § 461.3(b)(7).

(4) Describe the curriculum, equipment, and instruments that are being used by instructional personnel in programs and indicate how current these elements are;

(5) Describe the means by which the delivery of adult education services will be significantly expanded (including efforts to reach typically underserved groups such as educationally disadvantaged adults, individuals of limited English proficiency, and adults with disabilities) through coordination by agencies, institutions, and organizations including the public school system, businesses, labor unions, libraries, institutions of higher education, public health authorities, employment or training programs, antipoverty programs, organizations providing assistance to the homeless, and community and voluntary organizations;

(6) Describe the means by which representatives of the public and private sectors were involved in the development of the State plan and how they will continue to be involved in the implementation of the plan, especially in the expansion of the delivery of adult education services by cooperation and