

assistance under section 117 of Perkins V. We also believe that the benefits of implementing the proposed requirements and definitions justify any associated costs.

The Department believes that the proposed application requirements would help to ensure that: Only institutions eligible for assistance under section 117 of the Act receive such assistance; grants provided under section 117 of the Act are awarded only for allowable, reasonable, and necessary costs; and eligible applicants consider carefully in preparing their applications how the grants may be used to improve career and technical education programs and the outcomes of the students who enroll in them. The program requirements and related definitions are necessary to ensure that taxpayer funds are expended appropriately.

The Department further believes that the costs imposed on an applicant by the proposed requirements and definitions would be largely limited to the paperwork burden related to meeting the application requirements and that the benefits of preparing an application and receiving an award would justify any costs incurred by the applicant. Entities selected for awards under section 117 of the Act would be able to pay the costs associated with implementing the program requirements related to student stipends with grant funds. Thus, the costs of these proposed requirements and definitions would not be a significant burden for any eligible applicant.

Elsewhere in this section under Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we identify and explain burdens specifically associated with information collection requirements.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA): These proposed requirements and definitions do not contain any information collection requirements subject to the PRA. The Department is aware of fewer than nine tribally controlled postsecondary career and technical institutions that meet the eligibility requirements of section 117 of the Act and could thus be expected to apply in a response to a notice inviting applications. Information collection requirements imposed on nine or fewer individuals or entities are not subject to the PRA.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification: The Secretary certifies that this proposed regulatory action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The U.S. Small Business Administration Size Standards define "small entities" as for-profit or nonprofit institutions with total annual

revenue below \$7,000,000 or, if they are institutions controlled by small governmental jurisdictions (that are comprised of cities, counties, towns, townships, villages, school districts, or special districts), with a population of less than 50,000.

The small entities that this proposed regulatory action would affect are institutions of higher education. We believe that the costs imposed on an applicant by the proposed requirements and definitions would be limited to paperwork burden related to preparing an application and that the benefits of implementing these proposed requirements and definitions would outweigh any costs incurred by the applicant.

Participation in TCPCTIP is voluntary. For this reason, the proposed application requirements would impose no burden on small entities unless they applied for funding under TCPCTIP. We expect that in determining whether to apply for TCPCTIP funds, an eligible entity would evaluate the requirements of preparing an application and any associated costs, and weigh them against the benefits likely to be achieved by receiving a TCPCTIP grant. An eligible entity would probably apply only if it determines that the likely benefits exceed the costs of preparing an application. The likely benefits of applying for a TCPCTIP grant include the potential receipt of a grant as well as other benefits that may accrue to an entity through its development of an application, such as the identification of long- and short-range plans for the institution and its career and technical education programs. Additionally, proposed application requirement (a), which would direct applicants to document their eligibility under section 117 of the Act, would focus the attention of all prospective applicants on the eligibility requirements in section 117 of the Act and help discourage entities that do not meet them from incurring the time and expense of preparing a full application. The costs of meeting the other proposed requirements related to student stipends could be paid with grant funds and entities that do not receive a grant would not be required to meet them.

We believe that the proposed requirements and definitions would not impose any additional burden on a small entity applying for a grant than the entity would face in the absence of the proposed action. That is, the length of the applications those entities would submit in the absence of the proposed regulatory action and the time needed to prepare an application would likely be the same.

This proposed regulatory action would not have a significant economic impact on a small entity once it receives a grant because it would be able to meet the costs of compliance using the funds provided under this program. We invite comments from small eligible entities as to whether they believe this proposed regulatory action would have a significant economic impact on them and, if so, request evidence to support that belief.

Intergovernmental Review: This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

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Dated: March 29, 2019.

Scott Stump,

Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2019-ICCD-0045]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Part 601 Preferred Lender Arrangements

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 3, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2019–ICCD–0045. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the www.regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202–0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Part 601 Preferred Lender Arrangements.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0101.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 18,623,389.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,801,989.

Abstract: Part 601—Institution and Lender Requirements Relating to Education Loans is a section of the regulations governing private education loans offered at covered institutions. These regulations assure the Secretary that the integrity of the program is protected from fraud and misuse of program funds and places requirements on institutions and lenders to ensure that borrowers receive additional disclosures about Title IV, HEA program assistance prior to obtaining a private education loan. The Department is submitting the unchanged Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification for OMB's continued approval. While information about the applicant's cost of attendance and estimated financial assistance must be provided to the student, if available, the student will provide the data to the private loan lender who must collect and maintain the self-certification form prior to disbursement of a Private Education Loan. The Department will not receive the Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification form and therefore will not be collecting and maintaining the form or its data.

Dated: March 29, 2019.

Kate Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Information Collection Clearance Program, Information Management Branch, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2019–ICCD–0039]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; 2020–21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 3, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2019–ICCD–0039. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202–0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact the Applicant Products Team at StudentExperienceGroup@ed.gov, or Beth Grebeldinger at 202–377–4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps ED assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand ED's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. ED is especially interested in public comments addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper function of ED; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might ED enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might ED minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information