

collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by April 2, 1999. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Pat Sherrill@ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

**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 Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 25, 1999.

**William E. Burrow,**

*Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Office of the Chief Information Officer**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Year 2000 Assessment Survey of Postsecondary Educational Institutions.

*Abstract:* The Department of Education (ED) is actively participating on the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion and this Year 2000 Assessment Survey is a Departmental, as well as a Council, initiative. ED is taking a proactive approach in requesting postsecondary educational institutions report on their Year 2000 readiness. ED needs to survey the progress of domestic (50 States, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, five U.S. Outlying Areas and the District of Columbia) postsecondary educational institutions and foreign postsecondary educational institutions attended by our students receiving federal financial aid. This will be done in order to ensure the successful operation of ED's programs and to report to the Office of Management and Budget, The President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion and other Year 2000 oversight authorities.

*Additional Information:* This survey is being submitted for emergency clearance, as it is a Year 2000 related data collection assessment effort. The year 2000 is only nine months away. Due to the short time period left before the Year 2000 and the urgency of achieving Year 2000 compliance of

postsecondary educational institutions; we are requesting the 60-day and 30-day waiver for **Federal Register** Notices.

This waiver is requested per emergency clearance of Year 2000 surveys under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

*Frequency:* As required by OMB, The President's Council on Year 2000 conversion and other Year 2000 oversight authorities.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

Responses: 4,631.

Burden Hours: 30,102.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, 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 June 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Pat Sherrill@ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that 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.

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Dated: March 25, 1999.

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#### **Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* 1999–2000 Private School Survey.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 45,000.

Burden Hours: 16,667.

*Abstract:* The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) collects information on private schools, both religious-affiliated and independent, every two years in order to maintain a universe frame of private schools that is of sufficient accuracy and completeness to serve as a sampling frame for NCES surveys of private schools and to generate biennial data on the total number of private schools, teachers, and students. Since 1980, this Elementary/Secondary data collection has formed

the basis for national statistical data on private schools.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

##### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 30, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202–4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat\_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202–708–9346.

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Dated: March 25, 1999.

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#### **Office of the Under Secretary.**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Third National Even Start Evaluation: Performance Information Reporting System and Experimental Study.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 1,350.

Burden Hours: 63,503.

*Abstract:* The third national Even Start evaluation calls for two data collection activities: (1) The Even Start Performance Information Reporting System involves the refinement and maintenance of a data collection system, collection and analysis of descriptive and outcome data from all Even Start grantees, and training of local Even Start project directors in data collection and technical assistance to them. (2) the Even Start Experimental Study involves recruiting 20 projects to participate in an experimental evaluation of the effectiveness of Even Start, random assignment of new families to Even Start or control groups, and measurement of child, adult, and family outcomes in fall 1999 and spring 2000.

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