

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 303

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Part C of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Amendments of 1997

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of closing date of the comment period.

SUMMARY: This document provides the closing date for the public comment period on whether to revise regulations for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

DATES: The closing date for the public comment period will be April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Thomas Irvin, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education, Room 3090, Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C St., SW., Washington, DC 20202.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On April 14, 1998, the Secretary published a document (63 FR 18297) soliciting advice and recommendations from the public as to whether to develop new regulations implementing the Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). On August 14, 1998 the Secretary of Education reopened the comment period (63 FR 43866). The document stated that the comment period was to be open until 30 days following the publication of the final regulations implementing Part B of IDEA (34 CFR Part 300), and containing conforming changes to Part C of IDEA (34 CFR Part 303). The Part B final regulations are published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

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