DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Annual Performance Report

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interests persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 22, 2016.

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–2016–ICCD–0072. 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 Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E–347, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Spataro or Mary Louise Dirrigl, Telephone: (202) 245–7605.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following list identifies correspondence from the Department issued from October 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. Under section 607(l) of the IDEA, the Secretary is required to publish this list quarterly in the Federal Register. The list includes those letters that contain interpretations of the requirements of the IDEA and its implementing regulations, as well as letters and other documents that the Department believes will assist the public in understanding the requirements of the law. The list identifies the date and topic of each letter and provides summary information, as appropriate. To protect the privacy interests of the individual or individuals involved, personally identifiable information has been redacted, as appropriate.

Part B—Assistance for Education of All Children With Disabilities

Section 602—Definitions

Topic Addressed: Child With a Disability

○ Letter dated November 12, 2014, to Maryland attorney Michelle Kotler, regarding criteria used by some States to identify children with “visual impairment or blindness,” a term defined in Part B of the IDEA.

Section 612—State Eligibility

Topic Addressed: Free Appropriate Public Education

○ Dear Colleague Letter dated November 12, 2014, and accompanying Frequently Asked Questions document, issued jointly by the Department’s
Office for Civil Rights and Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and the U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division, explaining the interplay between requirements in Part B of the IDEA governing the provision of a free appropriate public education and the requirements in Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act governing effective communication with students with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities in public elementary and secondary schools.

Topic Addressed: Methods of Ensuring Services

- Letter dated February 10, 2014, to Connecticut Department of Social Services official Jennifer Pardus, regarding the requirements in Part B of the IDEA that public agencies must follow prior to accessing a child’s or parent’s public benefits or insurance for the first time.

Topic Addressed: State Educational Agency General Supervisory Authority

- Letter dated November 3, 2014, to Maine Disability Rights Center staff attorney Atlee Reilly, clarifying that there is no requirement to assign burden of proof under the State complaint procedures in Part B of the IDEA.

Topic Addressed: Maintenance of State Financial Support

- Letter dated December 17, 2014, to Illinois State Board of Education State Superintendent of Education Christopher Koch, regarding the requirements in Part B of the IDEA relating to maintenance of State financial support for special education and related services.

Section 614—Evaluations, Eligibility Determinations, Individualized Education Programs, and Educational Placements

- Letter dated November 12, 2014, to educator Tracy Blodgett, regarding whether a child whose hearing loss was medically or surgically corrected could still meet the eligibility criteria as a “child with a disability” under Part B of the IDEA.

Other Letters That Do Not Interpret Idea but May Be of Interest to Readers

- Dear Colleague Letter dated November 12, 2014, issued jointly by the Department’s Office for Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, regarding the application of Federal civil rights requirements to the education of students in juvenile justice residential facilities.

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Dated: June 16, 2016.

Sue Swenson,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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[Docket No.: ED–2016–ICCD–0045]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Direct Loan, FFEL, Perkins and TEACH Grant Total and Permanent Disability Discharge Application and Related Forms

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES:Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 22, 2016.

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–2016–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. 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, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E–347, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Jon Utz, 202–377–4040.

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: Direct Loan, FFEL, Perkins and TEACH Grant Total and Permanent Disability Discharge Application and Related Forms.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0065.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

1This February 10, 2014, letter was inadvertently omitted from the first quarter List of Correspondence covering January 1, 2014, through March 31, 2014.