DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Justice Statistics

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection: 2018 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies (CSLLEA)

AGENCY: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on Thursday, November 16, 2017, allowing a 60-day comment period. Following publication of the 60-day notice, the Bureau of Justice Statistics received three requests for the survey instrument and one communication containing general comments on the importance of the collection.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until March 19, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Shelley S. Hyland, Statistician, Law Enforcement Statistics Unit, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531 (email: Shelley.Hyland@usdoj.gov; phone: 202–616–1706). Written comments and/or suggestions can also be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503 or sent to OIRA_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;
—Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
—Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
—Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:
(1) Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.
(2) The Title of the Form/Collection: 2018 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies (CSLLEA).
(3) The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: The form number is CJ–38. The applicable component within the Department of Justice that is sponsoring this collection is the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs.
(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Respondents will include all publicly-funded state, county, and tribal law enforcement agencies in the United States that employ the equivalent of at least one full-time sworn officer with general arrest powers. Both general purpose agencies (i.e., any public agency with sworn officers whose patrol and enforcement responsibilities are primarily delimited by the boundaries of a municipal, county, or state government) and special purpose agencies (e.g., tribal, campus law enforcement, transportation, natural resources, etc.) meeting the above description will be asked to respond. Abstract: BJS has conducted the CSLLEA regularly since 1986. The 2018 CSLLEA will be the seventh administration. Historically, the CSLLEA generates an enumeration of all publically funded state, county, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in the United States. The CSLLEA provides complete personnel counts and an overview of the functions performed for approximately 20,000 law enforcement agencies operating nationally.

The 2018 CSLLEA collection involves two phases. In the first phase, BJS will cognitively test the revised instrument with 48 agencies based on agency type (i.e., local and county police, sheriff’s office, or special purpose) and size (i.e., 100 or more full-time equivalent sworn officers or less than 100 full-time equivalent sworn officers). A maximum of 8 agencies of each type and size will participate in testing. BJS has reduced the number of items from the 2014 administration but has included additional items on limited sworn officers. Additionally, BJS will continue to refine the universe frame by verifying agency in-service status, contact information and de-duplicating agencies.

Pending positive results from the first phase, in the second phase, BJS will conduct the main data collection. The 2018 CSLLEA is designed to collect general information on state, county, local and tribal law enforcement agencies. The survey asks about the level of government that operates the agency; total operating budget; full-time and part-time personnel counts for fully sworn officers, limited sworn officers and non-sworn employees; gender and primary job responsibility of full-time sworn officers; and the functions the agency performs on a regular or primary basis. Upon completion, the 2018 CSLLEA will serve as the sampling frame for future law enforcement surveys administered by BJS.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: For the cognitive testing, BJS is planning 48 agencies with an estimated total respondent burden of 90 minutes. For the full data collection, BJS estimates a maximum of 20,000 state, county, local and tribal law enforcement agencies with a respondent burden of about 45 minutes per agency, including the follow-up time.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The estimated total respondent burden for the cognitive testing is 72 hours. The maximum respondent burden for the full data collection is approximately 15,000 burden hours. Therefore, total burden for both phases is approximately 15,072 burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and
Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 3E.405A, Washington, DC 20530.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs

Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Notice of Payment (LS–208). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before April 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by mail, delivery service, or by hand to Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Room S–3323, Washington, DC 20210; by fax to (202) 354–9647; or by Email to ferguson.yoon@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail/delivery, fax, or Email). Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be considered.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act. The Act provides benefits to workers’ injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. In addition, several acts extend the Longshore Act’s coverage to certain other employees.

Under sections 914(b) & (c) of the Longshore Act, a self-insured employer or insurance carrier is required to pay compensation within 14 days after the employer has knowledge of the injury or death and immediately notify the district director of the payment. Under Section 914(g), the employer/carrier is required to issue notification of final payment of compensation. Form LS–208 has been designated as the proper form on which report of those payments is to be made.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
* evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
* enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
* minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to meet the statutory requirements to provide compensation or death benefits under the Act to workers covered by the Act.

Agency: Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Notice of Payments.

OMB Number: 1240–0041.

Agency Number: LS–208.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 600.

Total Annual Responses: 37,800.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 6,300.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): $0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): $16,112.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 6, 2018.

Yoon Ferguson,
Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor.

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MILITARY, NATIONAL, AND PUBLIC SERVICE

[NCMPS Docket No. 05–2018–01]

Request for Information on Improving the Military Selective Service Process and Increasing Participation in Military, National, and Public Service


ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (the “Commission”) was created by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2017 to conduct a review of the military selective service process (commonly referred to as ‘the draft’) and to consider methods to increase participation in military, national, and public service in order to address national security and other public service needs of the Nation. In connection with this effort, Congress has directed the Commission to seek written comments from the general public and interested parties on matters of the Commission’s review. The Commission seeks to learn more about the general public’s views on these topics, including what has encouraged or discouraged them to perform voluntary or paid services for their communities at all levels.

DATES: Comments are due by April 19, 2018.