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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2026-SCC-2608]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Approved State Ability to Benefit Process

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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-2026-SCC-2608. 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 regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department 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 after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to Carolyn Rose, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-1200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, (202) 453-5967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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: Approved State Ability to Benefit Process

OMB Control Number: 1845-0176

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved ICR

Respondents / Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 10

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,200

Abstract: Ability to Benefit (ATB) is an alternative for an individual who does not have a high school diploma to become eligible for Title IV aid. The State process is one of the three alternatives. The State ATB processes described in §668.156 outlines the requirements for the approval of a State's processes, monitoring, and reporting requirements under ATB. This is a request for an extension without change of information and burden found in §668.156, 1845-0176 Approved State Ability to Benefit Process.

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