DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Waivers Granted Under Section 3511 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

AGENCY: Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, we announce waivers that the U.S. Department of Education (Department) granted, within the last 30 days, under the CARES Act.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3511(d)(3) of the CARES Act requires the Secretary to publish, in the Federal Register and on the Department’s website, a notice of the Secretary’s decision to grant a waiver. The Secretary must publish this notice no later than 30 days after granting the waiver and the notice must include which waiver was granted and the reason for granting the waiver. This notice is intended to fulfill the Department’s obligation to publicize its waiver decisions by identifying the waivers granted under section 3511.

The Department has approved waivers of the following requirement:

Waiver Applicants: The SEA GEPA section 421(b) waiver applicants provided assurance that the SEA will: (1) Use, and ensure that its subgrantees will use, funds under the respective programs in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications not subject to these waivers; (2) work to mitigate, and ensure that its subgrantees will work to mitigate, any negative effects that may occur as a result of the requested waiver; and (3) provide the public and all subgrantees in the State with notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, this request by posting information regarding the waiver request and the

On August 6, 2020, OCTAE published a notice in the Federal Register (85 FR 47774) announcing two waivers that were granted to SEAs. One of those waivers was for a State grant authorized by Title I of Perkins, and the other waiver was for a State grant authorized by Title II of WIOA (AEFLA). In the last 30 days, OCTAE granted two waivers to SEAs.

Waiver Data

Extensions of the Obligation Period

Two waivers were granted to SEAs for State grants authorized by Title II of WIOA (AEFLA).

Provision waived: Tydings Amendment, section 421(b) of GEPA (20 U.S.C. 1225(b)).

Reasons: These waivers were granted under section 421(b) of GEPA to extend the period of availability of FY 2018 funds until September 30, 2021, pursuant to the 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act (GEPA section 421(b) waivers). It is not possible to obligate funds on a timely basis, as originally planned, due to extensive school and program disruptions in the States. These disruptions are in response to extraordinary circumstances for which a national emergency related to the COVID–19 pandemic has been duly declared by the President of the United States under section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5207, and will protect the health and safety of students, staff, and our communities.

On August 6, 2020, OCTAE published

1 Section 3511(b) of the CARES Act only authorizes the Secretary to grant waivers requested by SEAs of the Tydings Amendment, section 421(b) of GEPA, to extend the period of availability of State formula grant funds authorized by Perkins and AEFLA. The Department currently does not have the authority to grant a waiver of the Tydings Amendment with respect to Perkins or AEFLA to States in which the SEA is not the grantee for these State-administered programs.
The Assistant Secretary reviewed the SEAs’ requests for a GEPA section 421(b) waiver and determined that the following SEAs met the requirements for a GEPA section 421(b) waiver on the dates indicated below:

State grants authorized by Title II of WIOA (AEFLA):
- District of Columbia State Board of Education, August 3, 2020; and

The Assistant Secretary also announced the waiver decisions at: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/covid19/index.html.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; 21st CCLC 4201(b)(1) Waiver Request

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct an emergency review of a new information collection.

DATES: OMB approved this information collection under emergency processing on August 27, 2020. A regular clearance process is also hereby being initiated. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 2, 2020.

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–2020–SCC–0141. 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, ED 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 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 Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208D, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Miriam Lund, 202–401–2871.

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: 21st CCLC 4201(b)(1) Waiver Request.

OMB Control Number: 1840–0746.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 53.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 139.

Abstract: The Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant program intends to offer a waiver available to State education agencies (SEAs) based on section 8401 [20 U.S.C. 7861] of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2015 to allow SEAs to waive the definition of Community Learning Center(s) for implementation of services during “nonschool hours or periods when school is not in session (such as before and after school or during summer recess)” per section 4201(b)(1)(A) [20 U.S.C. 7171] for 21st CCLC programs in school year 2020–2021. The purpose for this new collection is to collect waiver requests from each State wishing to take advantage of the waiver.

This collection is being submitted under the regular clearance process for information collection. Therefore, the 60-day public comment period notice is published for this information collection request. This information collection will allow SEAs to request a waiver of section 4201(b)(1)(A). ED previously requested an emergency clearance because schools are already opening or will be opening very soon, and the flexibility offered through a waiver will enable SEAs and subgrantees to better meet the needs of students through more nimble 21st CCLC programs. The approved collection will allow ED to collect waiver requests without delays in providing support for SEAs, LEAs, and schools.