

year or two. The Office of Government Ethics will provide appropriate guidance and phase-in time to departments and agencies once the new form is available.

For now, the SF 450 Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, available from GSA, continues to serve as the standard form for executive branch collections of confidential financial information required by 5 CFR part 2634 (see § 2634.601(a) and subpart I), for both regular and special Government employees SGE. Since 1992, various agencies have developed, with OGE review/approval alternative reporting formats, such as certificates of no conflict, for certain classes of employees. Other agencies provide for additional disclosures pursuant to independent organic statutes. However, the SF 450 remains the uniform executive branch report form for most executive branch employees who are required to report confidentially on their financial interests. The SF 450 report form is filed by each reporting individual with the designated agency ethics official at the executive agency where he or she is or will be employed.

Reporting individuals are regular employees whose positions have been designated by their agency as requiring confidential financial disclosure in order to help avoid conflicts with their assigned responsibilities; additionally, all special Government employees are generally required to file. Agencies may, if appropriate under the OGE regulation, exclude employees or SGEs as provided in 5 CFR 2634.905. Reports are normally required to be filed within 30 days of entering a covered position (or earlier if

required by the agency concerned), and again annually if the employee serves for more than 60 days in the position. As indicated in § 2634.907 of the OGE regulation, the information required to be collected includes assets and sources of income, gifts and travel reimbursements, liabilities, employment agreements and arrangements, and outside positions, subject to certain thresholds and exclusions.

Most of the persons who file this report form are current executive branch Government employees at the time they complete the forms. However, some filers are private citizens who are asked by their prospective agency to file a new entrant report prior to entering Government service in order to permit advance checking for any potential conflicts of interest and resolution thereof by agreement to recuse, divest, obtaining of a waiver, etc. Based on OGE's annual agency ethics questionnaire responses, approximately 285,000 SF 450 report forms were filed during 1994 throughout the executive branch. Of these, OGE estimates that no more than 10%, or some 28,500 per year at most, are filed by private citizens, those potential regular employees whose positions are designated for confidential disclosure filing as well as potential special Government employees whose agencies require that they file their new entrant reports prior to assuming Government responsibilities.

Each filing is estimated to take an average of one and one-half hours. The number of private citizens whose reports are filed each year with OGE is less than 10, but pursuant to 5 CFR

1320.7(s)(1), the lower limit for this general regulatory-based requirement is set at 10 private persons (OGE-processed reports). This yields an annual reporting burden of 15 hours, the same as in the current OMB inventory for this information collection. The remainder of the private citizen reports are filed with other departments and agencies throughout the executive branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Agency Information Collection Under OMB Review

Title: ACF 106—State JOBS Plan and ACF 107—State Supportive Services Plan

OMB: No.: 0970-0108

Description: The information collected is required by the Social Security Act to collect program and financial data under the AFDC program. The State agency provides a quarterly estimate of the total amount and the Federal share of expenditures to be made in administering the AFDC program.

Respondents: State governments

Title	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response	Burden
ACF-107	54	1	109	5,886
ACF-106	54	1	109	5,886

Estimated Total Burden: 11,772.

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained from Bob Sargis of the Division of Information Resources Management, ACF, by calling (202) 690-7275.

OMB Comment: Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions received within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street, NW,

Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Ms. Wendy Taylor.

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Fiscal Year 1995 Discretionary Announcement for Head Start Research Projects and Program Projects; Availability of Funds and Request for Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds and request for