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Dated: October 31, 1995.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Verification of Pursuit of Course (Leading to a Standard College Degree), VA Form 22-6553

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for

the collection of information should be received on or before January 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900-0355.

Title and Form Number: Verification of Pursuit of Course (Leading to a Standard College Degree), VA form 22-6553.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is used by schools to certify enrollment information and to report changes in a student's enrollment status. The information is used to determine if VA education benefits are affected.

Current Actions: VA is authorized to pay education benefits to veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs of education under Chapters 32 and 35, Title 38, U.S.C.; Chapter 1606 of Title 10, U.S.C.; and Section 903 of Public Law 96-342. Benefits are not payable when pursuit of the program is interrupted or terminated, or is not in accordance with the regularly established policies and regulations of the school. Schools are required to report, without delay to VA, in the form required by VA, failure to enroll, an interruption or termination, or a finding of unsatisfactory progress or conduct. Schools are also required to verify the continued enrollment of

degree-seeking students whose enrollment has previously certified to VA for a period of more than one semester, quarter, or term. VA Form 22-6553 serves as this verification of enrollment and report of change in enrollment status. For students receiving assistance under chapter 1606 Title 10, U.S.C., schools receive computer generated letters containing the same information (essentially a computer generated letter requesting the same information requested on VA Form 22-6553). These forms are associated with all other forms for the school and sent in a packet with a cover letter.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 35,240 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,286.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-4412 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

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