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Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to attend this hearing. Several witnesses have been invited to testify by the Commissioners to address the questions identified on the Agenda. In addition, members of the public wishing to present oral statements to the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission should forward their requests to Mr. Hans Meeder, Executive Director, as soon as possible and at least four days before the meeting. Requests should be made by email, fax machine, or telephone, as shown above.

Time permitting, the Commissioners will attempt to accommodate requests for oral presentations. Each member of the public who is selected to testify will be allotted a three minute period to present their oral remarks. Members of the public must limit oral statements to three minutes, but extended written statements may be submitted for the record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for distribution to the Commissioners and inclusion in the public record without presenting oral statements. Such written statements should be sent to Mr. Hans Meeder, as shown above, or may be submitted at the hearing site.

The Commission is establishing a web site, www.workforce21.org, that will become operational on January 20, 2000. Any written comments regarding documents published on this web site should be directed to Mr. Hans Meeder, as shown above.

Special Accommodations: Reasonable accommodations will be available. Persons needing any special assistance such as sign language interpretation, or other special accommodation, are invited to contact Mr. Hans Meeder, as shown above. Requests for accommodations must be made four days in advance of the hearing.

Due to difficulties of scheduling the members we are unable to provide a full 15-day advance notice of this meeting.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of January, 2000.

Hans K. Meeder,

Executive Director, Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0099]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine the eligibility of the surviving spouse, spouse or child of a veteran for educational assistance for the new program of education or place of training.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0099" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Request for Change of Program or Place of Training—Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance, VA Form 22-5495.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0099.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Spouses, surviving spouses, or children of veterans who are eligible for Dependent's Educational Assistance under 38 U.S.C., chapter 35, complete VA Form 22-5494 to change their program of education and/or place of training. VA uses the information to determine if the new program selected by a spouse, surviving spouse, or child, is suitable to their abilities, aptitudes, and interests and to verify that the new place of training is approved for benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary:

Sandra McIntyre,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service

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