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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Certification of Maintenance of Effort Form Title III of the Older Americans Act, Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to Certification of Maintenance of Effort Form Title III of the Older Americans Act, Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by May 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: *margaret.tolson@aoa.gov*.

Submit written comments on the collection of information to: Administration on Aging, Washington, DC 20201. Attention: Margaret Tolson.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Tolson, telephone: (202) 357-3440; e-mail: *margaret.tolson@aoa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (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. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency request or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, AoA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, AoA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AoA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of AoA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Title III of the Older Americans Act, Section 309(c), requires that a state's allotment be reduced by the percentage by which its state expenditures for a given fiscal year are less than its average annual expenditures from state sources for the period of three consecutive fiscal years preceding such fiscal year. Since information collected on the SF-269 report combines the funds from state and local sources, the Administration on Aging is unable to identify funds solely from State sources. The information contained on the

Certification of Maintenance of Effort form will be used by the Administration on Aging to verify the amount of state expenditures and make comparisons with the average annual expenditures for the period of three consecutive fiscal years preceding the given year to assure that a state is in compliance with 45 CFR 1321.49.

AoA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: Approximately one-half hour per respondent with 52 State Agencies on Aging responding annually, thus producing a burden of 26 hours per year.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System for title IV-B and title IV-E.

OMB No.: 0980-0267.

Description

Section 479 of title IV-E of the Social Security Act directs States to establish and implement an adoption and foster care reporting system. The data are used for a number of reasons, including responding to Congressional requests for current data on children in foster care or those who have been adopted; responding to questions and requests from other Federal departments and agencies; trend analyses and short- and long-term planning; targeting areas for greater or potential technical assistance efforts; and determining and assessing outcomes for children and families.

Respondents: States, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| AFCARS (Electronic Submission) | 52 | 2 | 2,971.89 | 309,077 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 309,077.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and