

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: Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Reporting under the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0039.

Type of Review: Extension.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 6,019,900.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 507,362.

Abstract: The Federal Pell Grant, ACG, and National SMART Programs are student financial assistance programs, authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, which provide grant assistance to an eligible student attending an institution of higher education. The institution determines the student's award and disburses program funds to the student on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education (ED). To account for the funds disbursed, institutions report student payment information to ED electronically. Electronic reporting is conducted through the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) system. The COD system is used by institutions to request, report, and reconcile grant funds received from the Pell Grant program.

Dated: June 22, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice—Computer matching agreement between the Department of Education and the Department of Defense.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of the continuation of the computer matching program between the Departments of Education (ED) and Defense (DoD). The continuation is effective on the date specified in paragraph 5.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 473(b) of the Higher Education Act of

1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1087mm(b)), requires the Secretary of Defense to provide the Secretary of Education with information to identify children whose parent or guardian was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001. Beginning with the 2009-2010 Award Year, a qualifying student may be eligible for a greater amount of Title IV, HEA program assistance. The qualifying student must have been age 24 or less at the time of the parent or guardian's death or, if older than 24, enrolled part-time or full-time in an institution of higher education at the time of the parent or guardian's death. Beginning July 1, 2010, students who are otherwise qualified children of deceased U.S. military who meet the requirements of section 420R of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1070h) may also be eligible for higher amounts of Title IV, HEA program assistance.

To ensure that eligible students receive the maximum allowable amount of Title IV, HEA program assistance, the Department of Defense and the Department of Education created a computer matching program.

The purpose of this notice is to announce the continuation of the computer matching program and to provide certain required information concerning the computer matching program.

We provide this notice in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503) and the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Amendments of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) (Privacy Act); the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818, June 19, 1989); and OMB Circular A-130:

1. Names of Participating Agencies

The Department of Education (recipient agency) and the Department of Defense (source agency).

2. Purpose of the Match

The purpose of this matching program is to ensure that the requirements of sections 420R and 473(b) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1070h and 20 U.S.C. 1087mm(b)) are fulfilled.

DoD is the lead contact agency for information related to benefits for military service dependents and, as such, provides these data to ED. ED (recipient agency) seeks access to the information contained in the DoD (source agency) Defense Manpower Data

Center (DMDC) system and the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Under sections 420R and 473(b) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1070h and 20 U.S.C. 1087mm(b)), ED must identify the children of military personnel who have died as a result of their military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, to determine if the child is eligible for increased amounts of Title IV, HEA program assistance.

DoD and ED have determined that using DoD data provided to ED for matching against ED's Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01) is the only practical method that the agencies can use to meet the statutory requirements of the HEA.

4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

DoD will submit for verification records from its DMDC and DEERS data bases to ED's Central Processing System files (Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01)), the Social Security number (SSN) and other identifying information for each qualifying dependent record. ED will use the SSN, date of birth, and the first two letters of an applicant's last name to match with the Federal Student Aid Application File.

The DoD DMDC and DEERS systems contain the names, SSNs, dates of birth, and other identifying information about dependents of service personnel who died as a result of performing their military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001. This system of records also contains the date the servicemember died.

5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will be effective on the last of the following dates: (1) August 1, 2012; (2) 30 days after notice of the matching program has been published in the **Federal Register**; or (3) 40 days after a report concerning the matching program has been transmitted to OMB and transmitted to the Congress along with a copy of this agreement, unless OMB waives 10 days of this 40-day period for compelling reasons shown, in which case, 30 days after transmission of the report to OMB and Congress.

The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date of the computer matching agreement and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if the conditions

specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Leroy Everett, Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, Union Center Plaza, Room 64A5, 830 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20202-5454. Telephone: (202) 377-3265. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

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Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a; 21 U.S.C. 862(a)(1).

Dated: June 25, 2012.

James W. Runcie,

Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records—Study of Promising Features of Teacher Preparation Programs

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records

entitled “Study of Promising Features of Teacher Preparation Programs” (18-13-29). The National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance at the Department’s Institute of Education Sciences (IES) awarded a contract in September 2011 to Abt Associates to conduct a rigorous study of the effect on student learning of teachers who have experienced intensive clinical practice in their teacher preparation programs. The system of records will contain records on approximately 5,000 students and 360 teachers from 125 school districts and will be used to conduct the study.

DATES: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act, the Department seeks comments on the new system of records described in this notice and in particular on the proposed routine uses for the new system of records. We must receive your comments on or before July 30, 2012.

The Department filed a report describing the new system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on June 25, 2012. This system of records will become effective at the later date of—(1) the expiration of the 40-day period for OMB review on August 6, 2012, unless OMB waives 10 days of the 40-day review period for compelling reasons shown by the Department, or (2) July 30, 2012, unless the system of records needs to be changed as a result of public comment or OMB review. The Department will publish any changes to the system of records or routine uses that result from public comment or OMB review.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about the proposed routine uses to Dr. Audrey Pendleton, Associate Commissioner, Evaluation Division, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Room 502D, Washington, DC 20208-0001. Telephone: (202) 208-7078. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: comments@ed.gov.

You must include the term “Study of Promising Features of Teacher Preparation Programs” in the subject line of the electronic message.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this notice at the Department in

Room 502D, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid such as a reader or print magnifier to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of accommodation or aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Audrey Pendleton Associate Commissioner, Evaluation Division, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Room 502D, Washington, DC 20208-0001. Telephone: (202) 208-7078. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires the Department to publish in the **Federal Register** this notice of a new system of records (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (e)(11)). The Department’s regulations implementing the Privacy Act are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 34 CFR part 5b.

The Privacy Act applies to information about individuals that contains individually identifying information and that is retrieved by a unique identifier associated with each individual, such as a name or social security number (SSN). The information about each individual is called a “record,” and the system, whether manual or computer-based, is called a “system of records.”

Whenever the Department publishes a new system of records or makes a significant change to an established system of records, the Privacy Act requires it to publish a system of records