PBA is also governed by the provisions of the FACA (5 U.S.C. App. 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The purpose of the PBA is to advise the President, through the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Initiative), on all matters pertaining to strengthening the educational capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The PBA shall advise the President, through the Initiative, on all matters pertaining to strengthening the educational capacity of HBCUs, in particular, in the following areas: (i) Improving the identity, visibility, and distinctive capabilities and overall competitiveness of HBCUs; (ii) engaging the philanthropic, business, government, military, homeland-security, and education communities in a national dialogue regarding new HBCU programs and initiatives; (iii) improving the ability of HBCUs to remain fiscally secure institutions that can assist the nation in reaching its goal of having the highest proportion of college graduates by 2020; (iv) elevating the public awareness of HBCUs; and (v) encouraging public-private investments in HBCUs.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda will include welcome remarks; an update from the U.S. Department of Education; a presentation on The Future of Higher Education and U.S. Competitiveness; an update from the White House Initiative on HBCU; and member discussions. The public comment period will begin immediately following these agenda items. The final agenda will be posted on the PBA page at: https://sites.ed.gov/whhhbcu/commissioners-profile/presidents-board-of-advisors-on-historically-black-colleges-and-universities-2018-to-present/meetings-and-minutes/.

Members of the public who wish to attend the webinar meeting must follow the instructions noted below: RSVPs must be received by 5 p.m. on September 21, 2020. A RSVP should include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, and email address, of the person(s) requesting to attend.

Submission of Requests to Participate in Public Comment: The PBA agenda will include a public comment period for the public to submit questions or comments to the PBA. The public comment period will start at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, and will not exceed ten minutes. Comments will be taken via the chat function on a first-come, first-served basis by the call moderator and will be limited to two minutes per person.

Members of the public who wish to submit a question or comment to be addressed during the public comment period of the meeting but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend the meeting via webinar, are invited to submit written statements pertaining to the work of the PBA. All written statements should be directed to by email to the PBA Designated Federal Official, Sedika Franklin, Sedika.franklin@ed.gov.

All written statements and questions or comments made during the public comment period will become part of the official record of the PBA.

Admittance Instructions: All participants will be attending via webinar and must register at: https://ems8.intellor.com/?do=register&et=18&p=830751 by 5 p.m. Eastern Time, September 21, 2020.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official transcript of the meeting on the PBA website 90 days after the meeting at www.ed.gov. Pursuant to FACA, the public may also inspect the materials at 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC, by emailing oswhi-hbcu@ed.gov or by calling (202) 453–5634 to schedule an appointment.

Reasonable Accommodations: The webinar meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice by September 6, 2020. We will attempt to meet all requests received by the due date, but may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Principal Deputy Under Secretary delegated the duties of Under Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2020–SCC–0144]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Evaluation of the Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority Pilot Program–Survey Data Collection

AGENCY: Institute for Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 2, 2020.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use http://www.regulations.gov by searching the Docket ID number ED–2020–SCC–0144. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDOcketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208B, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Thomas Wei, 202–341–0626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in
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Title of Collection: Evaluation of the Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority Pilot Program-Survey Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 1840–0027.

Type of Review: A new information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the 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.

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Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 762.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 375.

Abstract: This study will meet the Congressional mandate to evaluate the Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority Pilot Program (IADA). The program (Title I, Section 1204 of the Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA) allows the U.S. Department of Education to exempt a handful of states from certain testing requirements if they agree to pilot new types of assessments. The study will produce a “Progress Report” and a “Best Practices Report,” as mandated by Congress. The Progress Report will be based on existing documents from pilot states. The subsequent Best Practices Report will add, via surveys, the perspectives of district leaders, principals, and teachers on the development, implementation, and outcomes of IADA assessments. These reports will help the Department appropriately target its technical assistance to tackle the largest barriers to adequate progress in pilot states and provide a valuable guide for other states that may want to develop a new assessment in the future.


Stephanie Valentine,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; High School and Beyond 2021 (HS&B:21) Base-Year Full-Scale Study Data Collection

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision to an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 2, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, 202–245–6437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the 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: High School and Beyond 2021 (HS&B:21) Base-Year Full-Scale Study Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 1850–0944.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 121,952.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 50,364.

Abstract: The High School and Beyond 2021 study (HS&B:21) will be the sixth in a series of longitudinal studies at the high school level conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education. HS&B:21 will follow a nationally representative sample of ninth grade students from the start of high school in the fall of 2021 to the spring of 2024 when most will be in twelfth grade. A field test will be conducted one year prior to the full-scale study. The study sample will be refreshed in 2024 to create a nationally representative sample of twelfth-grade students. A high school transcript collection and additional follow-up data collections beyond high school are also planned.

In preparation for the HS&B:21 Base-Year Full-Scale study (BYFS), scheduled to take place in the fall of 2021, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved (OMB #1850–0944 v.1–5) a request to conduct the HS&B:21 Base-Year Field Test (BYFT) and the BYFS sampling and state, school district, school, and parent recruitment activities, both of which began in the fall of 2019. These activities include collecting student rosters and selecting the BYFS sample.